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## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaiev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

### Latest Nazi Claims

### Continued Drive Into Ukraine

#### Reach Dnieper River

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate. Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolaiev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Krevolug area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe along the entire eastern front yesterday destroyed a total of 80 Soviet planes.

#### Trying To Escape

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Radio Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encircled at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilated.

### Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).

Twenty-five Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr. K. McEwen to-day.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr. J. W. Leckie, after a record return, flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

## Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

Special to the "Telegraph"

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Ernest Bevin, commenting upon Mr. Churchill's declaration to-day, said that no peace could be built until Prussianism is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless "we define our objectives."

Mr. Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role which—nobody until now, had ever conceived in the

Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Marshal Rumstedt's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and that their attacks were repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the roads to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: Are their divisions in reserve, which are still fresh, fully equipped, or must they wait a while before they can be provided with the full equipment necessary for battle? And how long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?

#### Delaying Action

It is these questions which should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it considers that the moment has arrived for assumption of the offensive.

Ideas of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, have been vitiated by the cult of the defensive and of timidity often concealed under that more imposing word prudence. Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed.

That real defence lies in men and their leaders. "It is men and not walls who are the defences of a city," said the Romans of old.

#### Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy and indeed that of the whole Russian Army is probably dictated not by the defence of obstacles, natural or artificial when full use may be made of such, but the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategic conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal

### Exemptions From Interest Tax

It has been revealed by the Commissioner of War Taxation, that the following companies have been granted exemption by the Governor-in-Council from interest tax on interest payable on consumers' deposits held by them:

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## MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

Much Material Landed

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—After a 24-hour delay due to a typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops, reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon this morning.

## HITLER ILL, SAYS REPORT

### Alleged Reaction To Nazis Setback

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph," in a news dispatch from Switzerland to-day, purported to cite indications that Hitler's "mental condition" had deteriorated since the first German setback on the Russian front.

The dispatch, which lacked confirmation from other sources, declared that Professor Ferdinand Sauerbruch, a specialist in nervous diseases, had conferred with two Swiss psychologists regarding Hitler's health.

The dispatch claimed that Hitler had been forced to leave the Russian front and was now at Berchtesgaden where doctors had decided he must not be told any "bad news" of note.

According to Berlin dispatches, Hitler still had his headquarters at the Eastern Front to-day.

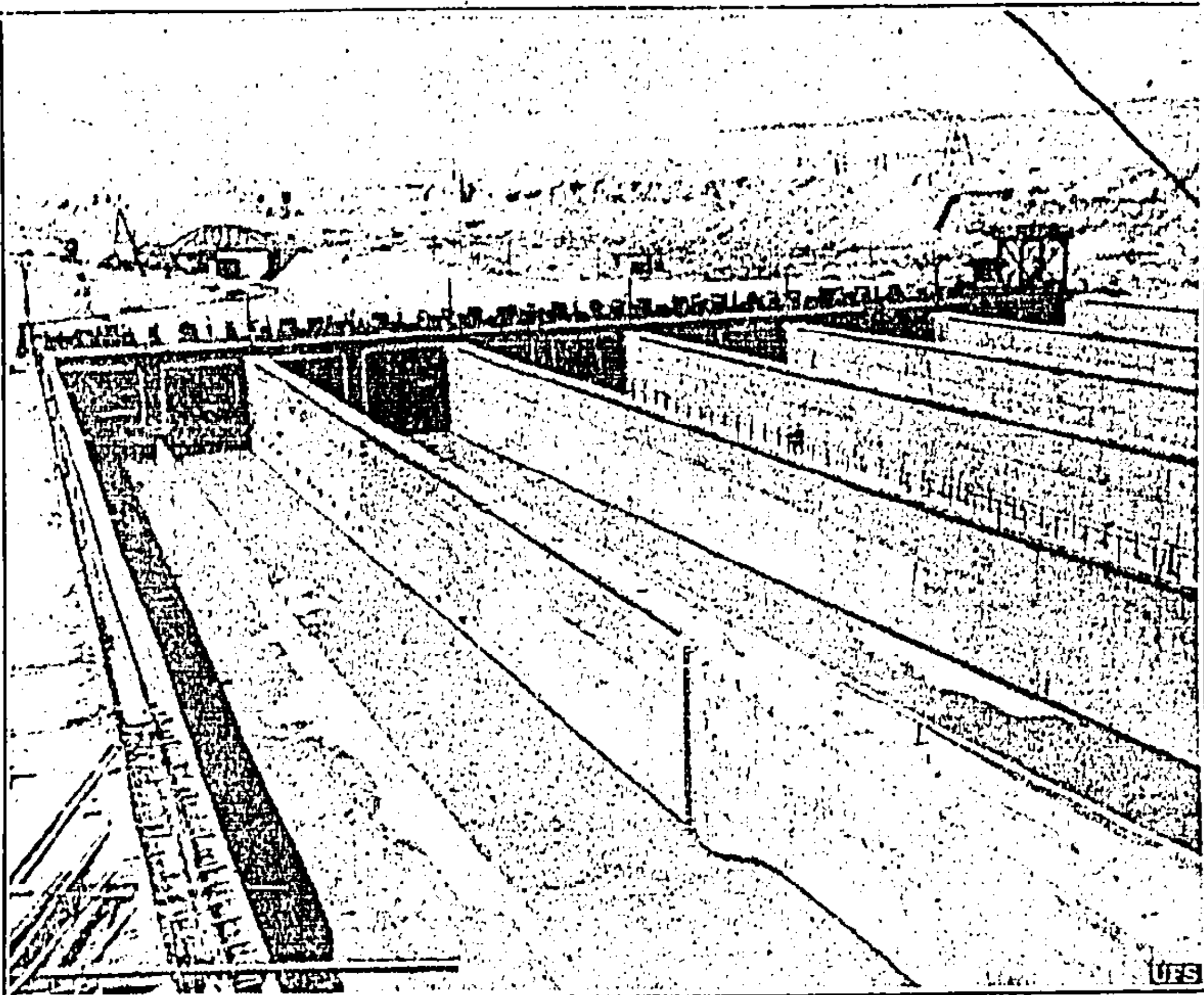
## NO COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—When asked if Mr. Roosevelt had approved the recommendation of the Navy and Army chiefs for compulsory censorship of all communications in and out of America, the President's secretary Mr. Stephen Early, declared that Mr. Roosevelt was unaware of the existence of any such bill.

Mr. Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report except that it was the Wilhelmstrasse or someone in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.

### THREATENED BY GERMANS

The Dnieperstroy Dam is now threatened by the Nazis in their latest southern Ukraine drive. The huge Dam, is built close to the Dnieper River near Dnepropetrovsk, and is about 200 miles northeast of Nikolaiev, important Ukraine seaport which has fallen to the advancing German forces.



## British Cargoes Explode, Blaze In N.Y. Harbour: 2 Die; 55 Injured

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions that shook lower Manhattan to-day, accompanied a raging fire which broke out at the East River wharf where British ships are loaded with supplies for Britain and Egypt.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges.

The Coast Guard and fire boats raced to the rescue.

Two people were killed and 55 people were injured—some feared fatally—in the fire. Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as lunch-hour crowds poured out from offices.

#### Flames Spread

The fire which began with a series of explosions, sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter, and several laden barges aflame and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

The American freighter Panuco, laden with quicksilver, minerals and hemp, caught fire, was cut loose and drifted off blazing from stem to stern. A flaming barge was cast adrift and floated lazily down the river while fire-boats threw tons of water on it.

Five fire alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Station, from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

### Quo Endorses 8 Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr. Quo-Tai-chi, the Chinese Foreign Minister, to-day issued a statement saying that the Chinese Government and people whole-heartedly welcome and endorse the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, which is essentially in harmony with Dr. Sun Yat-sen's advocacy for a "great commonwealth of nations."

Dr. Quo said that he believed post-war reconstruction would be more difficult than winning the war, requiring the supreme efforts of all peoples, in which the Chinese people are prepared to fully contribute.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said that he believed that the shortest way to suppress aggression was to defeat Japan first by encirclement.

### No Vichy Protest To U.K. Yet

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Nothing is known in London of reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

In any case, the Syrian Armistice terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French forces.

Vichy has protested against the detention of General Dentz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to British hands, there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.

### Nazis To Retain Daylight Saving

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 17 (Domet).—The German Government has decided to continue daylight saving time throughout the winter months. Thus, when other countries in Central Europe revert to Standard Time, there will be a difference of one hour in German time, or seven hours with Japanese time.

Daylight saving time was instituted in Germany as in past years beginning in May, the original intention being to revert to Standard Time in September.

### Latest Goering Reports

Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prisoner camps, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

"It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed."

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different places in the different places which they traversed.

### Insurgents Of Iraq To Face Trial

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The former commander of the Iraqi Royal Bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in Rashid Ali's revolt have been placed on the retired list according to a Baghdad telegram. A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.

### WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE

#### Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communique.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

#### Incendiaries

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation, followed by a fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey."

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse yesterday and destroyed

## N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia Radio denies a "Domet" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened, and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the "Democracies" action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China. The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

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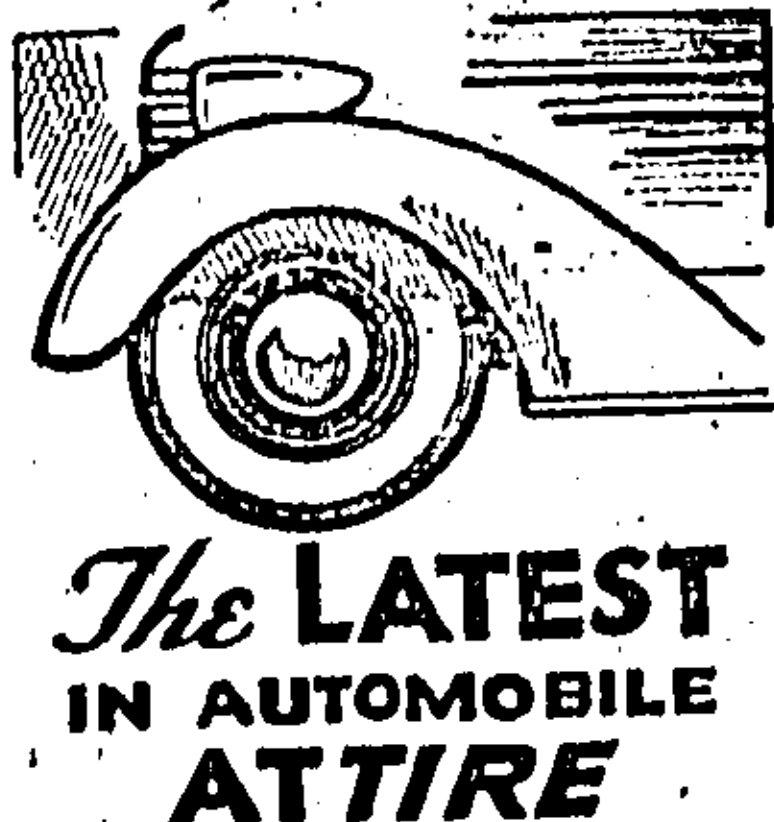
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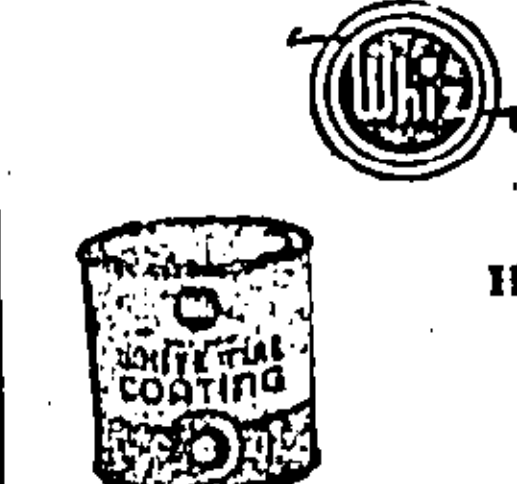
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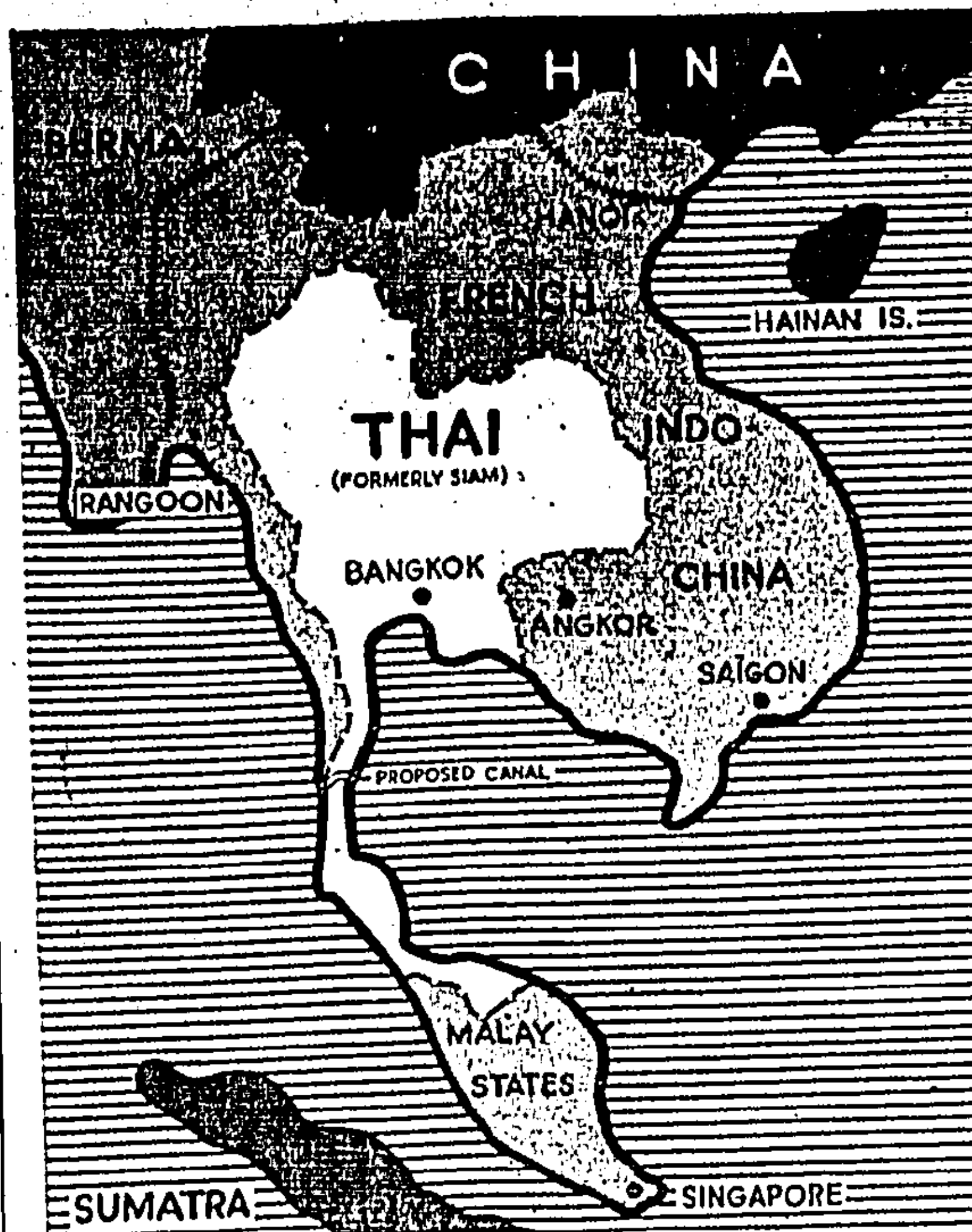
### THIRD BLITZ

There is no doubt that the Germans are making a desperate and terrific attempt to crush Russia before Winter. Already they have encountered a quality in the Russian opposition which has exacted a terrible toll of manpower, tanks, planes and all the other impedimenta of modern warfare—a stern and disquieting reality which must indeed cause Hitler furiously to think. Even should this third blitzkrieg against Russia achieve success, it will not mean final victory.

It is true that the Russians have been dealt almost staggering blows, but the intelligence and determination in their mode of defence augur well for a continuance of their resistance. They too can count upon a tremendous reserve of manpower, while it appears reasonable to assume their equipment is up-to-date, efficient and plentiful.

The close association which has now been formed between Great Britain, The United States and Russia is another factor which must be greatly disturbing to Hitler. Time was when there was reason to believe that Russia would remain aloof from the present war at all costs, assuming a role which almost mystified the democracies. Later, the failure of the British Military Mission in Russia, and the almost simultaneous success of the German Mission, left us bewildered and not a little concerned.

Subsequent events upset all reckoning, the greatest and most sensational being the sudden manner in which Hitler attempted to double-cross Stalin, by invading Russian territory. After nine weeks of the greatest mass warfare in history, the world's arch-aggressor finds himself in an unpleasant quandary as one can imagine. It is a cause for the utmost gratification on the part of Germany's foes to know that Hitler, genius as he thinks he is, has made a colossal blunder in antagonising Russia. There is not only a limit to Germany's ability to over-ride and ruthlessly smash other nations, but a limit to the endurance of her people and to her material resources. So far, the Russian



Thailand's position in relation to international politics to-day is but doubtfully understood—if understood at all—by those who profess to make a study of the changes and transitions that have been, and are, taking place around us. The country's political progress and economic development in recent years have become increasingly obvious to the close observer of Thailand's affairs, and with the imminent threat of Japanese occupation and the prospect of a showdown within her borders, for the time is opportune, perhaps, for a brief survey of conditions as they exist today in the only country in South-East Asia to maintain her independence throughout the centuries.

Until a few years ago Thailand was regarded as nothing more than a "backwoods region," too embroiled in her own internal worries to be of any significance in world affairs. This was the consensus of opinion in most of the more progressive nations with the exception of Japan, whose statesmen saw in the apparent disregard of Thailand an opportunity for spreading the influence of Nippon into a little discussed part of the world as a groundwork for her Pan-Asiatic doctrine.

With the commencement of the Japanese movement, realisation also came to Thailand. The country was raised from its state of querulous apathy, and recent years have seen Thailand pass through a stage of transition unprecedented in her whole history. Throughout this period, which first made itself felt in 1932 when a coup d'état carried out by an organisation called the People's Party turned the country over to an absolute monarchy into a constitutional government, Japanese influence has been steadily gaining ground in Bangkok politics.

### STAGE OF TRANSITION

The People's Party still remains the only politically conscious body in the country and alone provides the Government, which is run by a "National Assembly" consisting of 108 members, half of whom are nominated by the People's Party and the other half elected. This arrangement was made for a period of ten years—until 1942—by which time the country is expected to be sufficiently qualified to be governed by a fully-elected Assembly.

The weakness of the arrangement became apparent for the first time in the spring of 1939 when a demand in the Assembly by an elected Member for a detailed account of Government expenditure was refused. There were also allegations of mismanagement of the privy purse. The unexpected happened when their nominated members voting against the Government, causing a political crisis of the first magnitude and resulting in the resignation of the Premier Col. Phya Baho Bulbanyasena.

This brought to the limelight of Thailand's politics the present Prime Minister, Major-General Luang Bipul Songgram, who has emerged as the virtual dictator of the country, controlling the army, navy and air force in his capacity as Defence Minister. In addition to his office as Premier, he is also Minister of the Interior and Chancellor of the Bangkok University.

Having received part of his military training in Germany, Major-General Songgram has shown a decided preference for German methods in the training of his armed forces, and the selection of his armaments, and this may have accounted partly for the large number of very military-looking Germans in Bangkok during those fateful spring months of two years ago.

campaign has merely served to weaken her, and bring nearer the day when she will be on the defensive, trying desperately to stave off the *cum da græce* which Great Britain and the United States are planning to administer. It is encouraging to know that Hitler has plunged his people into a gigantic struggle which, according to his plans should have been but a side issue. It is also interesting to consider the difficulty which now confronts both his dupes, Italy and Japan.

## Facts concerning the country of the moment in the Far East scene

of her new constitution, the British and French territories on her border were naturally caused some anxiety, but Bangkok was quick to explain that armed security was essential for internal security and that that was the only purpose of the country's armament plans. What part submarines and aeroplanes have to play in internal security was never explained, but what happened on the Cambodia border a few months ago, when greatly superior numbers of Thai aeroplanes attacked inadequately equipped French troops, is too fresh in the mind to need reiterating.

With a well-trained and fully-equipped army, a small but efficient navy and an air force which is said to count well over 500 planes, Thailand may be considered more than sufficiently well-equipped for the preservation of her "internal security."

There has been conscription in Thailand for many years. Every man of 21 years is required to spend two years in the army, except those who have passed the high school examination, who do only one year's military service. Army pay is small and the discipline strict, soldiers be-

lieve themselves—especially those of the educated classes—have come under Japanese influence and country would stand to gain a great deal from the development of closer relations with Japan. This is very obvious from the general tone of the vernacular daily press. There is nevertheless strong ground for assuming that the Thais

In support of this explanation is the recent inclination of Thailand to withdraw certain concessions which had been granted to foreign countries, (excepting Japan) thus closing the door to foreign exploitation in her territory and reserving the whole area within her boundaries to Thai industry and enterprise. Glaring cases in point are the restrictions imposed on the British and American oil and tobacco companies in Bangkok, which virtually strangled their trade and made room for Thai products of both oil and tobacco in the Thailand markets. The oil is brought crude from Manchukuo and refined in Thailand, by Thai experts trained in America and Japan.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THAILAND

Songgram even went so far as to allow only one evening off each week. The men are well-nourished, healthy and smart on parade, throwing the entire school-going youth of Thailand into the same green-grey uniform of his troops and having them drilled and trained in the same way as the youth of Germany.

Popular as Bipul Songgram is, two things in equipment or materials. Attempts were made on his life since he took office. Once he was shot while dressing for dinner, the bullet missing his head by inches and torques, the two largest being at Bangkok. On another occasion he and his aged and run exclusively by Thai family very nearly perished from food poisoning, but were saved by prompt medical aid.

### ACUTE NATIONALISM

The keynote of his policy is acute nationalism and entire self-sufficiency. Numerous labour laws have been introduced to achieve this goal, and many of them make it almost impossible for aliens to get work in Thailand. For instance, no alien who cannot speak fluent Thai is allowed to take up manual work, and rickshaw pullers' licences are refused to all but Thais. The Chinese, being the largest immigrants, are the most severely affected by this legislation.

Thai officials have stated that as much as 90 percent of the labour employed in the country is "foreign," and for purposes of their own the Japanese have interpreted the word "foreign" to refer to the Chinese (who have admittedly emigrated to Thailand in large numbers in recent years) and Japanese propaganda has made much of Thailand's decision to reduce Chinese immigration in defiance by making it one of the standpoints of Thailand's sympathy with Japan's Pan-Asiatic ideals.

The most significant step in Thailand's recent politics, however, is the change of name from Siam. Thai is the language spoken not only in Thailand but in its irredenta, which comprises certain districts of Cambodia and Laos, in French Indo-China, the northernmost states of the Malay Peninsula (these are now under British protection but still pay annual tribute to Bangkok) and some of the Shan States of North Burma which Thailand ceded to Britain many years ago. Does this mean that Thailand expects one day to extend her boundaries to cover the whole Thai-speaking corner of the globe?

When Thailand started spending huge sums on an extensive armaments programme under the aegis

of themselves—especially those of the educated classes—have come under Japanese influence and country would stand to gain a great deal from the development of closer relations with Japan. This is very obvious from the general tone of the vernacular daily press. There is nevertheless strong ground for assuming that the Thais

Here is an instance of the astuteness with which Japan has woven herself into the economic life of Thailand. The climatic and geographical conditions of Thailand are most favourable to the cultivation of cotton and rubber, and while the Thais and the Chinese neglected these, the Japanese were quick to seize the opportunity to explore the possibilities of cotton growing in Thailand, and thus make closer economic co-operation between the two countries. Japanese experts reported favourable results and to-day certain business interests in Osaka have started operations on a large scale in order to meet the requirements of the mother country.

### FUTURE PROGRESS

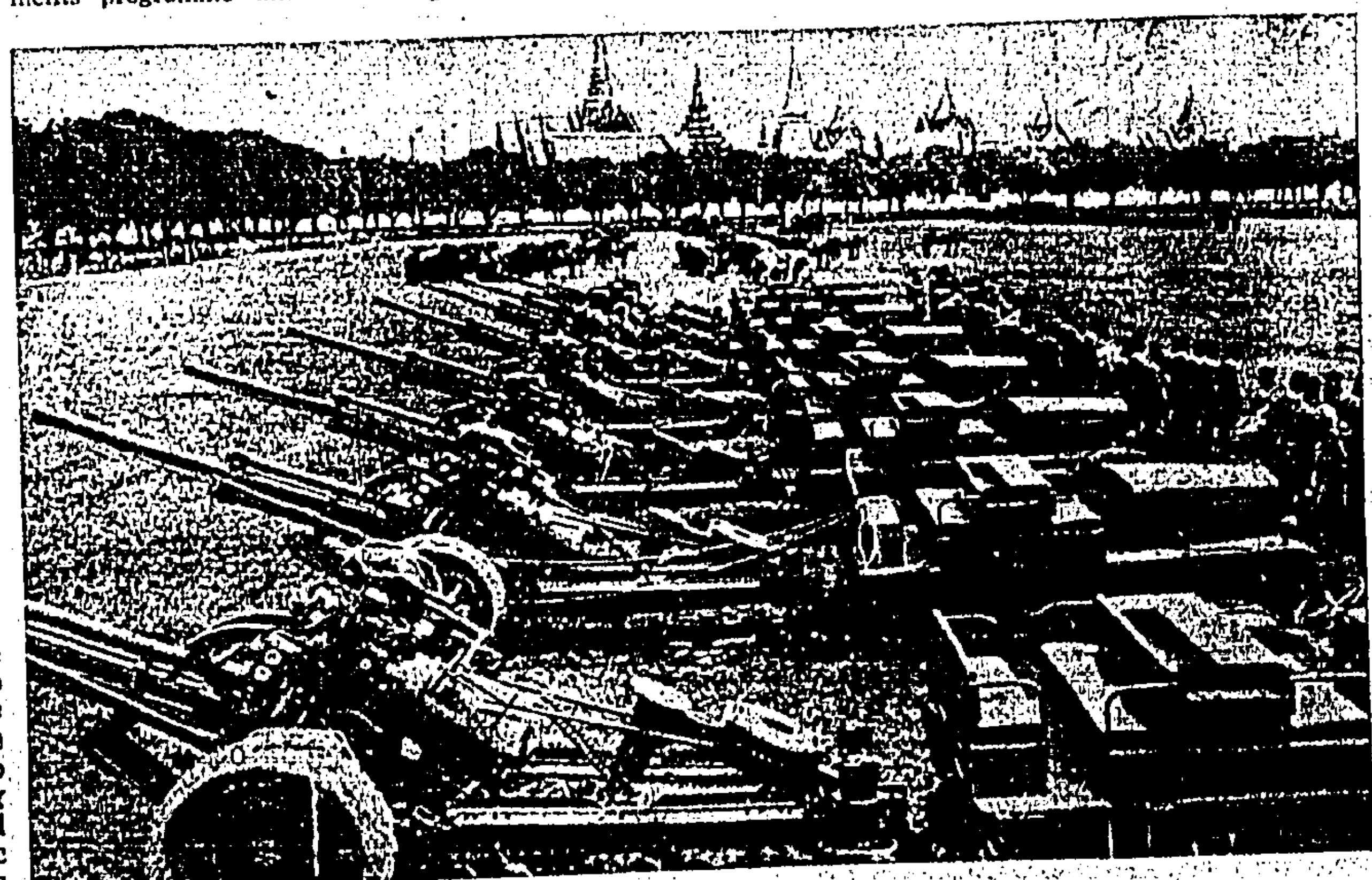
In the same way tin and rubber from Thailand now find an open market in Japan. Thailand has thus found a ready buyer, and in return has permitted—perhaps unconsciously—that to the Japanese goods once opposed, namely tin and rubber, to find a market in Thailand. The inference is obvious.

For this change of attitude, even if it was done unconsciously, there is Thailand's side of the case to be heard. According to her officials she was unable to find a market for her cotton, tin, rubber and teak with the Western Powers. Britain, for example, had no reason whatsoever to assist Thailand in the development of these products, as her own colonies supplied her requirements to the full.

Thailand's mineral wealth, besides tin, is negligible. A little gold has been discovered, but not enough to attract mining interest. The only alternative left to the country was to look to a ready buyer in Japan, which she did, and by way of return Thailand became a more important purchaser of Japanese goods, thus almost completely submitting to the economic exploitation of her territories by the politicians of Nippon.

Thailand's future progress, therefore, appears to be bound up with Japan and will apparently only be expedited as Japanese influence becomes increasingly established. The only fear at the moment is that Thailand's friendship with Japan, continued on these lines, may be compelled openly to accept the Japanese advances—even to the extent of military collaboration. It is this danger that the Democratic front is now called upon to counter.

**By DOUGLAS JANSZ**



For most people Thailand, formerly Siam, brings up pictures of elephants, Siamese twins and primitive temple dancing. But Thailand isn't a land of swords and other ancient weapons. It has modern anti-aircraft guns drawn by tractors as this photo shows. In the background are some of Bangkok's 300 Buddhist temples.



## V-I-C-T-O-R-Y ! !

These inspiring "V for Victory" verses were composed by Mrs. Garnet Malley, of Sydney, recently returned from China, who is at present in Melbourne. The verse and the first and last refrain are set to spirited march-time music in the key of C.

V — stands for VICTORY — to cause the Nazis' fall.  
"Fight! For the Right!" — is the Nation's clarion call;  
If we want our Liberty and Freedom to remain,  
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V — for VICTORY — The Empire's world-wide ring;  
I — for Independence — To which we all must cling;  
C — stands for Confidence — In the leaders of our land;  
T — for Tenacity — The "British Bulldog" brand;  
O — for Old England — The land that gave the breed;  
R — for our Royal Family — So loyal in word and deed; — and  
Y — stands for You! — who can ward off all we fear.  
By singing "V for VICTORY" — and Save All Life Holds Dear.

V — for VANQUISH! — Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
I — for Inspiration — In this grim tug-of-war.  
C — stands for "China Up!" — When sent to face the coil.  
T — for "Themwork!" — Divided we shall fall.  
O — for those Overseas! — Our heroes of renown,  
R — for Recruitment! — We must not let them down! — But  
Y — stands for You! — who can stem the tide of war! —  
By singing "V for VICTORY" you will Keep Strife from Our Shore.

V — for the VALIANT — who fell for Freedom's Sake.  
I — for our high Ideals! — (Great sacrifice we make)  
C — for the Cross of Faith! — For those bowed down with care;  
T — for our Thankfulness... For the strength to bear.  
O — for Our Honour! — Without Nothing can succeed;  
R — for our Religion! — In this dark hour of need; — But  
Y — stands for You! — You can do your bit this way, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY" you help Britain Win the Day!

V — for our VETERANS! — Who tore the flag before! —  
I — for Inheritance! — of their fearlessness in war.  
C — for Comradeship! — and the high morale it gives;  
T — for The Unknown Warrior! — His spirit ever lives!  
O — for the Ones at Home! — Who hold the home forts here!  
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Y — stands for You! — And for You, and You, and You, for  
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V — for VANGUARD! — Let our trumpets blast and blare!  
I — for Irrepressible! — Loud cheering strikes the air!  
C — for Comradeship! — Fighting side by side;  
T — for "Thumbs Up!" boys! — Their bravery is our pride  
O — for all the Others! — the munition workers, too,  
R — for our Royal Banner! — the true Red, White and Blue! — But  
Y — stands for You! — So come and "Hail Your Weight!" —  
By singing "V for VICTORY" — Before It is Too Late!

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## President Receives Congress Key Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — President Roosevelt today summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lend-Lease appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lend-Lease appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned only casually.

### Connally's Comment

The President gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lend-Lease appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 but declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."

## U. S. GOODS IN CHINA

### Data At Consulates

TIENTSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as furs, bristles, etc., to the American Consulates.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit — some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

## U. S. Increases Her Imports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP). — The Department of Commerce today announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,604,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

### Short Shift For Johore Japanese

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — Japanese living in the large defence area in the southern corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days. It is believed that more than 50 persons are concerned, most of them being rubber estate proprietors and mine-owners.

## NAZI MOVE FROM ESTONIA

### Summary Of Fronts

MILITARY COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The latest reports indicate that a new German thrust is developing north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad.

It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region.

They have certainly decided from the costly efforts to smash through which were features of the first six weeks of fighting.

At Kiev too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the northwest and Byelaya-Tserkov in the southeast.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to the southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper River.

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force the Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left bank of the advance would be a venturesome proposition. It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tried troops against the central sectors in the hope that these sectors will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Budenny. But such speculation is pure guesswork.

**Nazis Claim Advance** — LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — According to a Stockholm message to the Italian news agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined the forces to the north.

The Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-miles wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.

## French Consul's Conscience

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.



NAZIS EARN — More than 400 German and Italian sailors from ships confiscated by the Mexican Government have been transferred to farms in Guadalajara, where they must work for their living. Here is a truckful just arrived by train.

## U.S. Navy One Down to H.K.

(Continued from Page 6.)

allowing seven Maple Leaf runs to cross the plate on five hits and three bunt outs. Tomashewsky's prodigious hammer driving in Waller featured the brilliant Canadian rally in this inning.

Portugal's fourteen men's team all got into the fray and from this angle the champions will be a strong threat for the title once again this year. The key-stoning duo of Zinho Gossuto and George Sousa showed peppery form in their first pairing together and appear to be the foundation of Portugal's defence in this year's International hunt.

**GRANDPA Leung's Chinese** Maroons trimmed the Royal Engineers 8-4, for their second straight victory over the Sappers in the loop schedule.

Clicking off with a single run in the 1st when Choy Ping-fun sallied home on Bill Chang's single to centre, the Chung Hwamen added three more in the 3rd canto after Al Lau was thrown out at first on a bunt.

P. F. Choy sizzled a liner over short, stole second and crashed home on two wild throws. Rookie K. S. Kwok walked, pilfered second and crossed the plate when Bill Chang drove a stinging triple to deep left; the bustling Chinese backstop tore in with the third run on an error at the plate. Hank Chan fanned and Baby Chinn was caught stealing second for the last out in this big Maroon inning.

The Leungmen added two more runs in the next frame and cruised in with single markers in the 5th and 7th, to finish off another winning ball game.

Welford's Sappers flushed out with a last effort spurt in the last two stanzas, mashing through with two runs in the 6th when Chinese twirler Al Lau weakened in the torrid atmosphere to walk four batters. With the Maroon "tossie" in the well-known hole, two Sapper tallies sailed across the pan.

In the last frame the Engineers again put hurler Al Lau in a tough spot. Tom Fox scored on Mac Shaw's single. Then, with two out, the Sappers filled the bases, but in the tense setting, Mickey Sarsfield relished a slow bouncer to the pitcher, ending the losers' last-embarked threat.

**SHOWING** power galore with the hickory slugger, Mindanno's pennant-holders pounded South China hurler Paul Lau for sixteen solid snafus to take the old ball game 15-7.

McKenzie, taking over the initial base in the absence of the injured Henry Ruel, gave a finished display in taking anything and everything that came his way and also came into his own at the plate to lead the champions in their determined swinging attack. The lanky McKenzie appears very definitely for the first base spot next season.

A snappy unassisted double play featured the game in the 5th canto when Tony Muscavage took Ernie Moy's pop fly to Catch Dopey Lo off second.

Dividing their hill on the hillcock Tony Muscavage and Sid Powlawski set the Caroline Termen down with five scattered bingles and fanned four.

Nelson Ma's snappy game at second was the only bright light in the Chinese loss. The key-stoner made four assists in a starry fielding show and crossed the pan with two South China runs.

**League Standing**

	W.	L.	Pts
Mindanao	8	1	888
"H. B. Brewers"	4	1	800
Chung Hwa Maroons	6	3	600
Acheville-Tulea	1	1	500
H. K. Baseball Club	3	5	375
Royal Engineers	2	2	222
South China	1	7	125

\* have withdrawn.

## C-in-C Australia In Singapore

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of Australian Home Forces, arrived here today on his way to Australia.

General Mackay told "Reuter" that everything was well in the Middle East, that conditions were improving and that the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.

## Chinese On Anglo-U.S. War Aims

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Central News). — The Anglo-American war aims constitute a good charter for "reconstruction of the post-war world," commented Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, at a press conference this afternoon.

As Government spokesman, Dr. Tsiang said that although "Nazi tyranny" is mentioned in Point Six of the Roosevelt-Churchill joint declaration, a careful reading of the full text indicates unmistakably that the statement is applicable to the entire world. Though several wars are raging in different parts of the world, they are in fact one war.

Dr. Tsiang emphasised that there must be a programme for reconstruction of the post-war world, not two separate programmes. He called attention to the following three points: no territorial changes, respect for the right of all peoples to choose the forms of government they desire and equal enjoyment of trade and access to raw material.

**Haile Selassie's Queen Due In Addis Ababa**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The Empress of Abyssinia is expected to arrive in Addis Ababa shortly to rejoin her husband.

The Empress, who had been living at a famous West of England resort — Bath — left England some time ago. Travelling with her was her younger daughter Princess Tsalai and a small suite.

Remarking at their Bath home is her older daughter Princess Tensaye together with her children and the Emperor and Empress' youngest son, who is at an English public school. The departure of the Empress was kept an absolute secret and the news was only revealed today.

**STOCK EXCHANGE**

**Investment Demand**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The Stock Exchange today was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrial shares out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among the industrials, Courtlauds, Woolworth and breweries recorded useful gains while shipping shares went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for rises among speculative Kaffir favourites.

South American rails continued to be firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.

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**Christmas Parcels For War Prisoners**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, today visited the main London packing centre of food parcels for British prisoners of war and saw Christmas parcels being wrapped and dispatched.

Each of the 72,000 parcels contains pudding, a double ration of chocolate, biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, marmalade, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beef steak and tomato and Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings and contain greeting cards from the British Red Cross.

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## WAR WORK FOR WOMEN

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — Impulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and choice of occupation will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Ascheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, announcing in London today a firmer policy regarding women in war work.

All women up to 30 would be registered within the next four months and older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services she would be told that she must go into one of a limited number of occupations which included nursing and domestic work in hospitals, work on aircraft and tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, the land army, service canteens and ordnance factories.

**R. A. F. Sweep Channel**

**Bremen's 81st Raid** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" FOLKESTONE, Aug. 18 (UP). — Bomber planes escorted by a considerable force of fighters flying at about 15,000 feet droned across the Straits towards the North Sea this afternoon indicating another R.A.F. sweep of the Continent.

**Carried Some Weight** LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP). — It is reliably reported that the R.A.F. raids last night were fairly weighty considering the weather although not as heavy as other raids made recently. This makes Bremen's 81st and Duisburg's 49th raid of the war.

**Lille Attacked** LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — R.A.F. bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, "bombed" industrial targets at Lille this afternoon. It is learned.

**EXCEPTIONS TO FREEZING** SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Domel). — The Finance Ministry has decided to accord to corporate bodies of certain specified countries the same treatment permitted Japanese corporate bodies.

As from August 19 the following firms are specified: The Naniwa Trading Company, the Tawao Estates, Ltd., the Dornco Sulsan Company, the Nomura East India Produce Company and the Miyabe and Suetaka Company.

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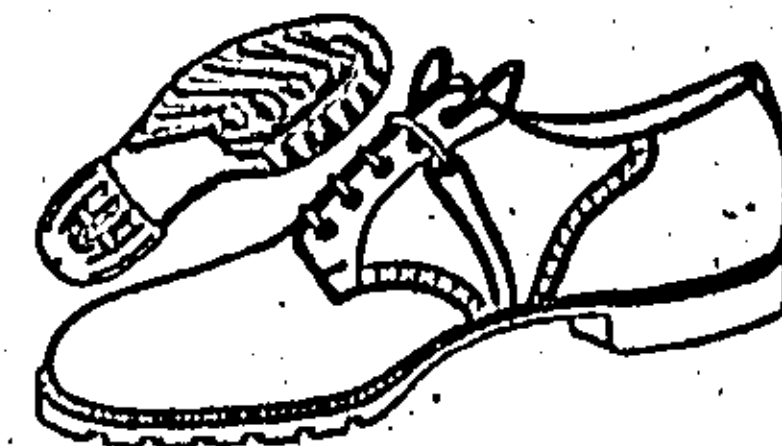
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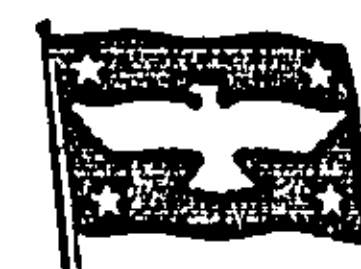
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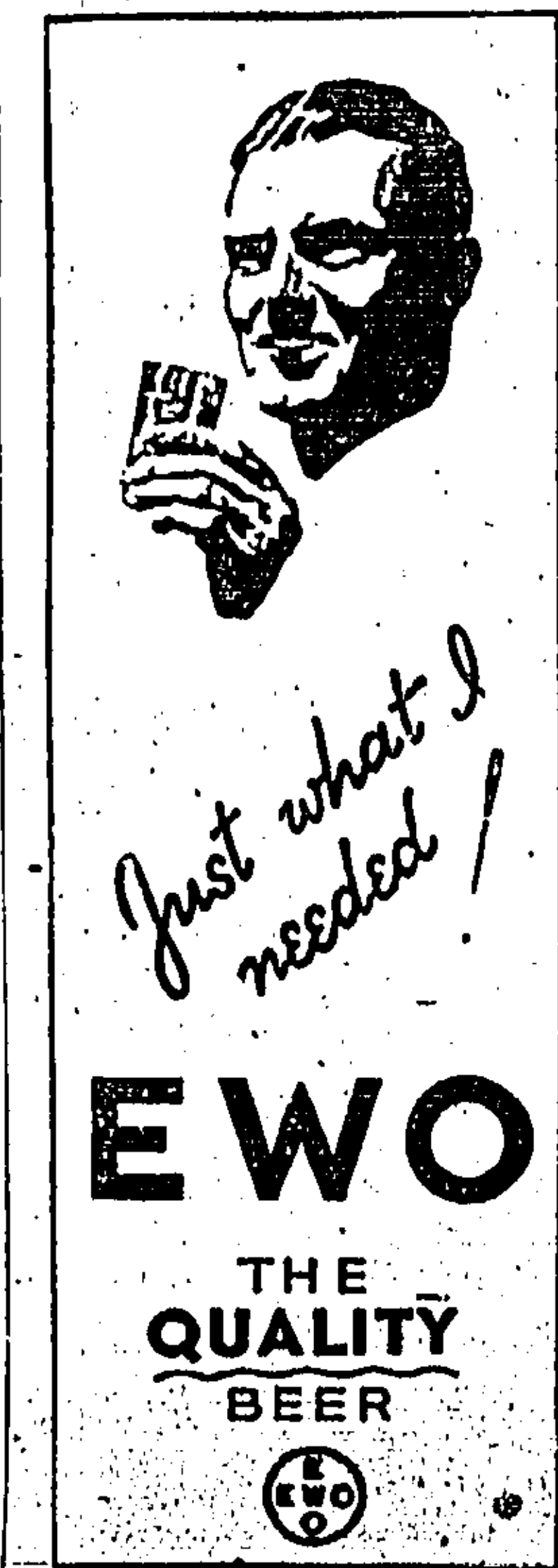
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## "Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

# U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong

## Weak Infield Fails Moundsman Powlowski

Mindanao Tars Batter South China 15-7

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgin's Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

### Weekend Stars

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and issuing one free pass; latter led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the pan with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chinn, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouted a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with an other starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for a double and single. Mack McKenzie and Greasy Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrific M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the pan with four runs; latter eluded a heavy-clout week-end with a perfect day at bat slugging out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove in two more. Gerry Gosano and Zinho Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played peppery ball at the keystone sack and smashed out a pair of high-lighted doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crooner Ruel, hard-hitting all-round infielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, free admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul ball.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting All-Stars to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes, but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORTUGAL'S Defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nations confab formerly held in Geneva.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the ball mob with a combined "Nick Altrock-Al Shacht" act, all in one, when right fielder Red the Rover, Soares made a big error in his first try at the intrigue of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a few fast tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as bean-labelled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

Hurler Gerry Gosano weakened temporarily in the 4th stanza, TURN to Page 5, Column Three



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"I admit, Hawkins, that a billiard table looks a trifle raffish before breakfast—green baize is essentially nocturnal."

"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

"Yes, Sir. Keeping your eye in, Sir."

"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."

"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a cockatoo. In spite of a rather late session, my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go in off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

"A remarkably fine shot, Sir. Have you been taking lessons?"

"No, Hawkins—I've been taking Rose's Lime Juice—suitably diluted with gin. Henceforth I give all hangovers a lifelong miss in banish."



### Heats For Inter-School Events At V.R.C.

FIRST HEATS for the Inter-Schools swimming meet to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday were held at the V.R.C. yesterday. Remaining heats will take place this evening at 7.07 p.m.

Yesterday results were:

Senior boys 100 yards breast-stroke. Heat 1—1. J. Gomes (La Salle), and 2. W. Stephens (St. Stephen's). Time 2:1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's). 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's). Time 2:1. (Diocean). Time 2:1.

Senior boys 100 yards back stroke. Heat 1—1. A. V. Lopes (La Salle), and 2. W. Stephens (St. Stephen's). Time 2:1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's). 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's). Time 2:1. (Diocean). Time 2:1.

Junior boys 50 yards. Heat 1—1. K. Thomas (St. Stephen's), and 2. W. Stephens (St. Stephen's). Time 1:1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's). 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's). Time 1:1. (Diocean). Time 1:1.

SLIDING HOME. Tony Muscavage, U.S. Navy catcher, waiting for the ball at the plate, while George Sousa, Hongkong All Stars, commences a slide through his legs to reach the slab.

At third base in the Chung Hwa-Royal Engineers game. Forrest Loong, Chung Hwa, took a dive for third and made it by a matter of inches before Blondie Taylor, Sappers, came in to tag. — Ming Yuen.



RINGING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each break in stride, slushed through with three big tallies in the last of the initial frame after Uncle Sam's seamen had gone one up, on Crooner Ruel's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Star tally on a wild heave. Showboat All, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this canto on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with a Navy tally in the 2nd stanza, but the Colonysites added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild-throw-by-the-bewildered R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano swinging toward the pan.

The big break came in the 5th inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th. George Sousa again doubled to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, relayed from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starry Sousa scampering across the plate.

### Answer To Problem

The scorer was wrong. The batsman was entitled to a sacrifice hit in any case, if he advanced the runner, because he sacrificed his chance to make a base-hit-to-do-so. In such cases it is proper to score a sacrifice hit and an error on the same play, if, in the scorer's judgment, the ball beat the runner to the second base, the second baseman should be charged with an error, but that does not eliminate the sacrifice hit.

### Lawn Bowls

#### Open Pairs Results

TWO MATCHES in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship were played yesterday, the first at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club resulting in an overwhelming win by 34-13 for W. B. Harris and A. Soutar over A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, and the second at the Craigengower being a very narrow 10-17 victory for N. J. Bebbington and J. McGowan over W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen.

## League Seeks Compromise With London Soccer Clubs

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks it will mean a busy week for the officials, as following to-day's meeting they agreed that the Football League-President, Mr W. C. Cuff, and Mr W. J. Cearn meet the London Clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start in eight days.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed a League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole sixteen thereupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the peace move.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the friendliest of discussions on the difficulties took place.

#### Alternative Proposal

THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating that he suggested that the addition of other Clubs should be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half, teams would be free to make their own arrangements when the first ten ranking matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be reinstated. The adoption of these proposals

### Basketball

#### V. R. C. NARROWLY BEATEN BY CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

Two basketball matches in the Wu Teh-chen Cup tournament at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon yesterday resulted as expected, when Wah Kiu overwhelmed Trojans 64-22 and Y.M.C.A. beat Victoria Recreation Club 61-43. Wah Kiu outplayed Trojans in every department and led throughout. Y.M.C.A. were badly out of form and V.R.C. threatened them with defeat. Although strong in their combination, V.R.C. need a polishing up in their shooting before they have a chance.

would result in the immediate reinstatement of the Southern Clubs to membership of the League, and would not interfere with the London War Cup, which has already been arranged.

In order that the matter can be placed in detail before the London Clubs, Mr Cuff and Mr Cearn have consented to meet the Londoners when a more detailed explanation of the compromise can be given.

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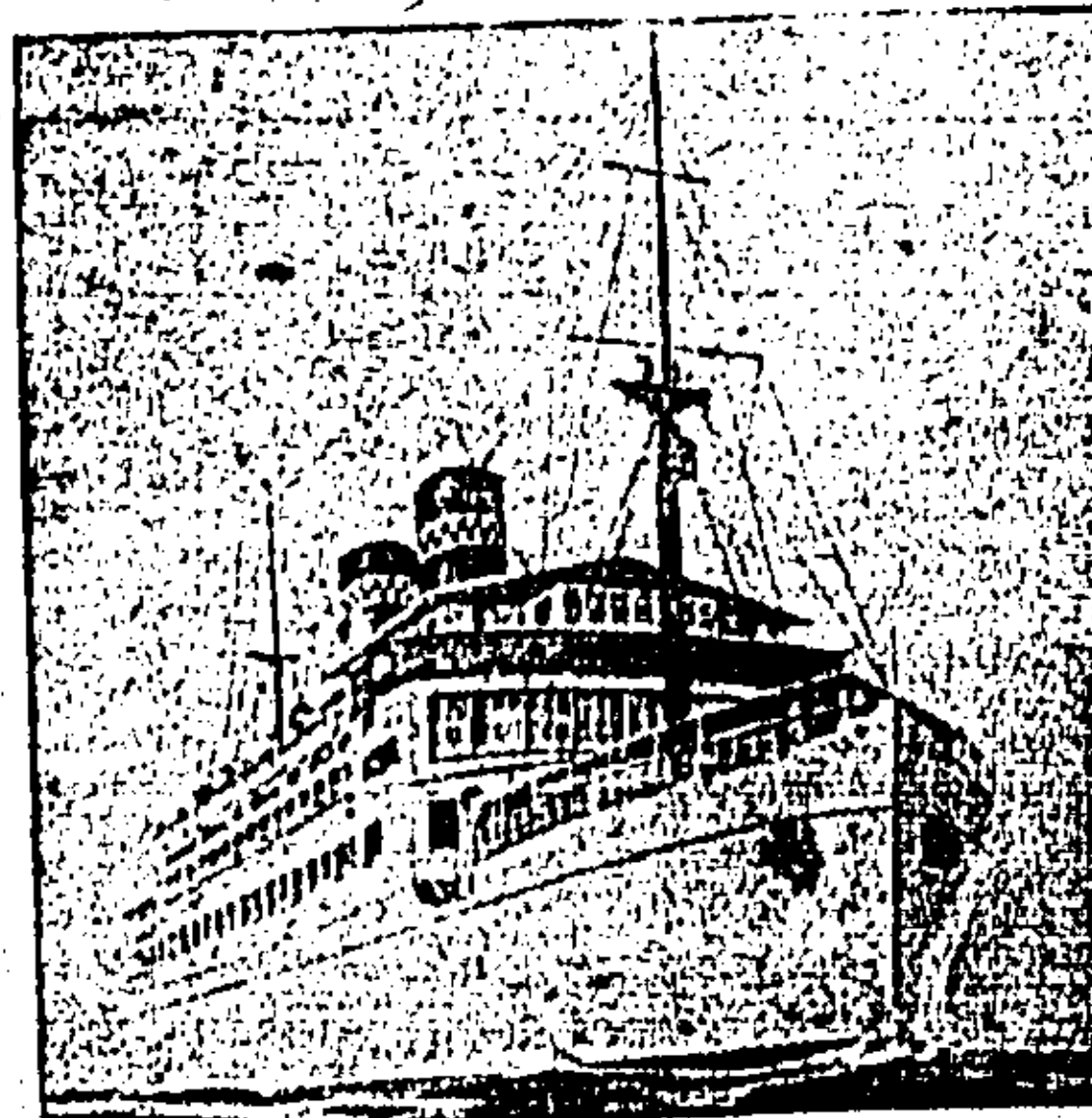
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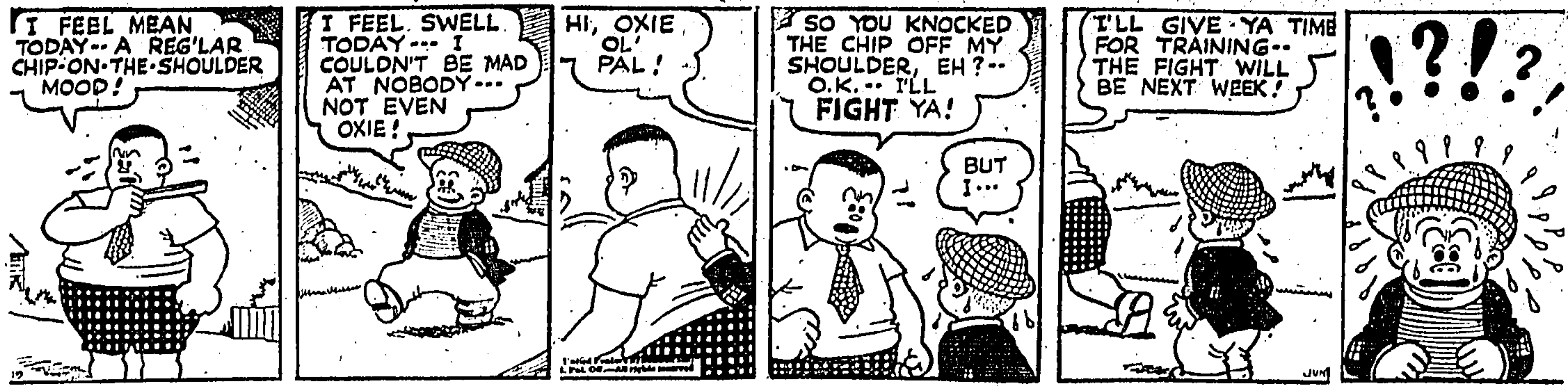
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By Ernie Bushmiller

## India Exercising Functions Of Free Nation, Statesman Says

By Henry Wood,

United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, California, Aug. 17 (UP).—Sir Feroz Khan Noon, High Commissioner for India to Europe and the two Americas, painted a new picture here of India as already exercising virtually all the functions of a free nation, and lacking only official recognition of her new status.

"The fact that I am here in the United States negotiating directly a new trade, navigation and commerce agreement between the United States and India shows the extent to which India has already won her freedom," he declared.

"In the gradual evolution of other British dependencies into free and equal members of the British Commonwealth of Nations the relinquishing to them of control of their own foreign affairs has always been the last step towards complete independence.

"India to-day is in complete control of the administration of all her domestic affairs and we are even beginning to exercise control over some of our foreign affairs, such as treaty-making.

"We are, in fact, already an independent nation, except for the official recognition of it—and that is just around the corner."

Sir Feroz declared that in all India to-day there are only 100,000 whites. "Of this total number," he stated, "fifty thousand are soldiers while the others are some servants. There remains also only 1,000 members of the British Civil Service. All the rest of the administration of government is now in our own hands."

Sir Feroz explained that the last and only obstacle to recognition of India's independence is purely a local one of internal domestic politics.

### The Constitution

"In 1935 when we rejected the Constitution which England offered us, we were told to go ahead and prepare our own Constitution and England would accept it. Since then discussions alone between our two major political parties has alone prevented our preparing that Constitution."

"Gandhi's party, which might be qualified as the conservative one, represents 80 percent of all India. The opposition party, which might be classified as the 'left,' represents the other 10 percent. Once they get together on a compromise, our already attained independence will be recognized."

### Political Truce

All Indian political parties having declared a truce in their internal

fight in order to permit all India to present a united front in backing up England, Sir Feroz stated that it is hoped that during this lull the opposing parties may at last get together, patch up their differences and find a compromise basis for drawing up the constitution England has promised to accept.

"Hence, recognition of our independence may come over night at any time now," he stated.

In the meantime, he declared, India has become the arsenal of the British Empire in the Pacific.

"The capacity of our four armaments factories which have been in existence for 70 years now, has doubled. They are producing heavy-calibre guns, rifles, machine-guns, ammunition of all sizes and tanks. An aeroplane factory is being set up and we will also build automobiles."

"The greater part of our volunteer army of 500,000 soldiers is now overseas rendering good account of themselves on various fronts."

"Not a single India prince or leader will even accept the thought of totalitarian government."

"Even Gandhi himself has declared that if he had to choose between the defeat of England and continued subjugation of England, he would choose the latter, for the defeat of England would mean the disappearance of freedom from the world."

### German Claim To Ace Pilot

Wing-Com. Moelder, of the German Air Force, is the most successful fighter-pilot in the world, the German High Command claims in a special announcement.

Moelder, who on July 17 shot down five Soviet planes, has destroyed 115 warplanes, the High Command announcement states.

He has destroyed 101 of these machines since Germany declared war in September, 1939, the High Command says.

His other victims were shot down during the Spanish civil war.

Moelder has been awarded the oak-leaf with swords, set in diamonds—Germany's highest decoration for gallantry.

## Vast Mid-Pacific Interests Of U.S.

By Harry W. Frantz

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP).—The vast role of the Territory of Hawaii in America's plans for peace-or-war in the Pacific is strikingly revealed in a new issue of Thrum's Hawaiian Annual, which for 67 years has been a beacon light of information concerning mid-Pacific interests.

The Hawaiian Islands were formerly regarded in the light of a pleasant mid-Pacific insular entity, which could be regarded as a travel crossroads, a tourist paradise, a sugar factory, or a naval "Gibraltar" according to one's particular interest or fancy.

At present, however, Hawaii is emerging into the world political picture. The Hawaiian Islands were formerly regarded in the light of a pleasant mid-Pacific insular entity, which could be regarded as a travel crossroads, a tourist paradise, a sugar factory, or a naval "Gibraltar" according to one's particular interest or fancy.

"Hawaii is the capital of the American sphere of influence in the Pacific. North and south, east and west, lies territory of the United States. In the same area is situated possessions of foreign states—some of the belligerents in the current World War. No part of the United States is more important than the Pacific domain and not one of the forty-eight states has a more vital function in American national prosperity and security than Hawaii."

"Of all the American territory in the Pacific Hawaii is the most valuable. Extending about 1,500 nautical miles from the Islands (Hawaii) on the southeast to Kure (Ocean) Island on the northwest, the Hawaiian Islands dominate the eastern Pacific for the United States and lie athwart all practical air and sea routes."

### Pacific Assets

Uncle Sam's far-flung "Line Islands" along the Equator, scarcely known a decade ago, have now become indispensable assets to national defense. Their geography and history, down to recent executive orders by the President of the United States, has been reviewed by Robert D. King.

You might not learn, outside of Thrum's Annual, that Baker Island has also been called New Nantucket, or that it was discovered by Capt. H. Foster of the barque Jamaica, or that it was taken by the United States in 1857. Perhaps you have never heard how the operations of the American Guano Company gave the United States a claim to other remote islands in the Equatorial Pacific. Frost Shoal, French Frigate Shoal, Palmyra Island are among dozens of small landpoints now

## CHILD'S LIKING FOR CANDY

May Be Due To Unhappiness

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Carl Binger of New York offered evidence recently that a child's desire for candy and ice cream may reflect its unhappiness.

Binger wrote in the magazine, "Hygeia," that increase or loss of appetite may be caused by emotional disturbances.

"A child who feels unhappy or unloved not infrequently reacts to this state by a kind of gluttony," he said. "In addition to stuffing at meals, he will often fill up on sodas and candy between meals. He becomes fat and unlovely. His parents 'pick on him.' They urge him to restrain his appetite. He feels more unhappy and unlovely and goes right on overeating; thereby defeating his own purpose."

Binger said an undeserved frown or scolding might upset a child's eating habits.

"What is true of children is generally true of adults," he added. "They exhibit a wide variety of behavior in their attitude toward food."

He said a patient's refusal to eat might result from a wish to die or, perhaps, from "cannibalistic fantasies."

"A healthy person enjoys his food," Binger said, "and a loss of appetite is evidence of physical, mental or emotional illness."

## Need Not Polish Brass On Arms

London, Aug. 17 (UP).—Brass on arms and equipment must now be left unpolished, as the shining surfaces make them more conspicuous from the air. The new order does not apply to brass badges and buttons on service dress used by troops for "walking out."

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CELEBRATES MASS — Denis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia on his way from the throne to the altar to celebrate pontifical mass of the National Eucharistic Congress, at St Paul Minnesota. The Cardinal is the legate of Pope Pius. Blazing sun prostrated hundreds of persons.

## The Busy Life Of New Chinese Ambassador

LONDON, July 14.—One can hardly pick up any paper without seeing some reference to the activities of Dr Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador, who is being given a warm welcome by everybody. Most of the references take the form of little personal touches or attributes. Thus the Gossip writers had plenty to say about the Ambassador on the occasion of "The Bowl of Rice Dinner" given by the China Campaign Committee. Here are some of them:—

"Evening Standard": "At 22, in charge of the X-ray department of a hospital near Chungking."  
"Retort Evasive": Mr Koo's sons are carrying on their father's educational connection with the United States; one follows his father at Columbia, the other is at Harvard.  
The Ambassador's English is virtually perfect, and he can be diplomatically evasive in the language. When a woman journalist asked him "Would it ease the pressure on China if Japan came into the war?" he answered with another question, "On which side, madam?"

"The Evening News," also commenting on the dinner, said: "Dr Koo had to juggle his way through a press of people to his seat beside Viscount Cecil, the chairman. Yet he seemed the coolest person present. He had to face camera after camera, and they even whirled at him while he ate his bowl of rice. But still he kept his alert, thoughtful composure. The white linen of his immaculate dinner suit retained its gloss. He chatted gaily to Lady Violet Bonham Carter, or to his friend of Geneva days, Lord Cecil."  
The "Spectator": "Dr Koo, hardly oriented after four days in London, stuck closely to manuscript. He is in fact fully capable of extempore eloquence, as I hope he will in due course demonstrate in London. But whether the statement be written or spoken it is satisfactory to learn from so good an authority as Dr Koo that China is in a better position as she enters her fifth year of war than she was when she entered her fourth, and that Japan in the intervening 12 months has lost more than she gained."

Many Other Functions  
Dr Koo has had many other public functions to attend. The "Evening Standard" describes one as follows:—  
Dr Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador, was the guest of honour at a Bowl of Rice dinner this week. Last night he was host at a Block of Ice reception. In the centre of a reception-room at the Chinese Embassy was a crystal pillar resting on a plinth festooned with leaves. Guests gathered round this decorative form of air conditioning to hear Dr Koo speak a few words of welcome.

He was more at ease here, I thought, than he had been in the stuffy, excited atmosphere of the earlier dinner. Dr Koo, immaculately-tailored in dark grey, moved among his guests so that everybody was able to ask him something, but nobody could ask him much.  
Mr C. J. Chancellor, who was Reuter's chief correspondent in the Far East from 1931 to 1939, tells me of Dr Koo's courage in face of personal danger.  
**Hidden Microphones**  
Dr Koo, as Foreign Minister, accompanied the Lytton Commission into Manchuria. For Dr Koo this was enemy territory. Constant threats were made against his life. The hotel where the Commission stayed was crawling with Japanese spies and there were microphones hidden all over the place.  
Dr Koo bore himself well. Mr Chancellor had to go back to Peking, and carried a message for Mme Koo. He became a friend of the family. Later he took charge of Dr Koo's 15-year-old daughter on her way to school in Shanghai, a place of greater safety.  
Miss Koo came to England to continue her study, and made some fine speeches here. She is now, at

## Viceroy's Tour

BOMBAY, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, left today for Simla, thus concluding his three-weeks' tour of Madras and Bombay Presidencies.  
The purpose of this monsoon tour was to renew contacts and inspect the progress of the war effort in these Presidencies.

## Churchill's Return

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Mr Winston Churchill will arrive in London on Tuesday morning.  
The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt. The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.

## Kunming Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
KUNMING, Aug. 17 (delayed UP).—Twenty seven Japanese planes bombed the upper end of the main business district of Kunming at 10.20 a.m. today. The damage was heavy and many rebuilt shops were destroyed, but the casualties were small.

## LATE NEWS

## Continued Drive Into Ukraine

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tion by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops, and about to leave when hit by bombs and set afire.

## New Area of Operations

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—Competent German quarters today claimed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war materials in that area. It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

## Dnieper Reached

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units, who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claims stated that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet reinforcements which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Krivobrot had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

## Nazis Gain Confidence

The spokesman added: "The Soviets are tough in their resistance but one day they will no longer be able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

The official German news agency also reports that the "remnants" of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolaev area yesterday. The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made a last stand along a railway embankment, which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

## Hungarian Claim

The report makes no mention of any Russian prisoners being taken but a Hungarian claim issued in the communiqué to-night refers to several thousand prisoners and considerable booty from the battle ground of Nikolaev.  
The communiqué says: "Since the fighting on August 18, our troops advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the battle round Nikolaev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

## Strategical But Not Decisive Gains

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Budenny is not likely to be falling back to the line of the Dnieper because it is the next obstacle to defend but because he is not yet ready to deliver the counter-attack which will drive back and destroy his enemy.

A counter-attack of the scale necessary to achieve that much to be desired object may not be ready for some weeks, perhaps some months, or quite possibly not until after the rigours of a winter campaign in Russia while Europe is rising in revolt behind them.

We cannot at present fix a date for such a stroke but it may be taken for granted that such is being contemplated and prepared.

## MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

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are likely to cover considerable ground.

## Minor Problems

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding the Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.  
He stated today that he will shortly discuss these problems which include the allotment of defensive "zones" between the Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General.

## Week-End Blitz On Syracuse

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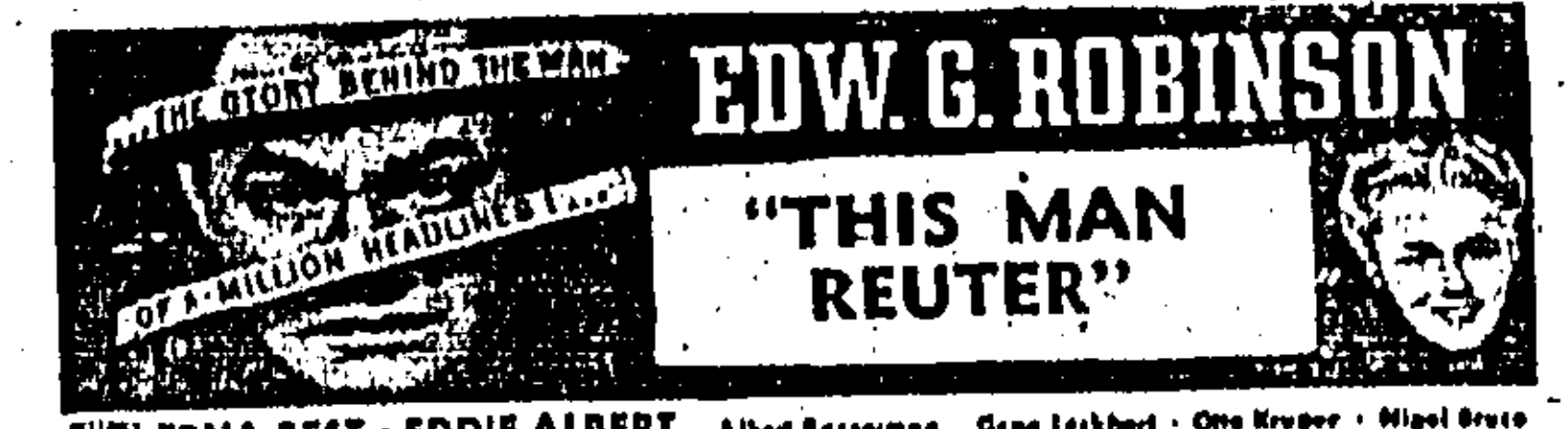
one Cant Z-500 and severely damaged a number of others.

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolcheff and Debarech and obtained hits on the forts' buildings and trenches.  
"All aircraft returned safely from these operations."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). President Roosevelt has signed a bill exempting men over 28 from military service.

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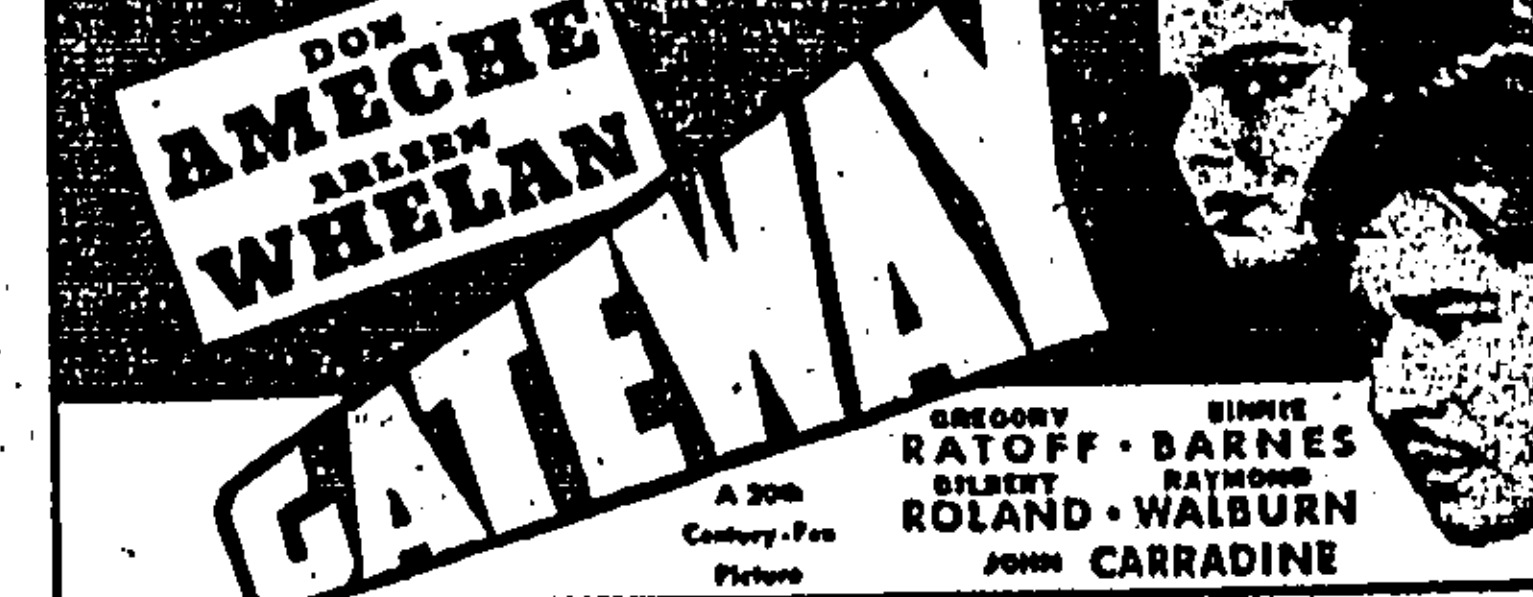


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## STRATEGICAL BUT NOT DECISIVE GAINS BY NAZIS IN THE UKRAINE

(By "Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The situation in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaiev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success. Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive.

### LATEST SOVIET REPORTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (UP).—The battle on the entire Eastern Front continues unabated, according to the latest reports issued here, with the weight of the German thrust against southwestern Ukraine towards the Dnieper River.

The blowing-up of the Nikolaiev wharves indicated that Stalin's policy of destruction is being carried out on a large scale among the industrial as well as agricultural resources and plants.

It is stated that the Black Sea Fleet is continuing active operations and yesterday sank two large Rumanian transports, presumably intended to land troops at Odessa and Nikolaiev.

The Red Army pockets aided by guerrillas continued to batter the German rear.

Dispatches from the front reported that the Red division which was split by the Germans a fortnight ago attacked at both ends and broke through the German encirclement and have rejoined the main forces after inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

**Intensified War Effort**  
Meanwhile, the Soviet rear is intensifying its war effort with an increasing output of armaments and provisions. Yesterday, several million youths contributed their rest day to work on defenses. Over one million people in the Moscow district gathered scrap metal, loaded trains and repaired rolling stock on the railways.

Mr Ivan Papanin the noted Arctic explorer has resumed his look-out trade which he abandoned 20 years ago.

### Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Twenty-three Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr K. McEwen today.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

### Bevin Wants Post-War Raw Materials Pool

Special to the "Telegraph"

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr Ernest Bevin, commenting upon Mr Churchill's declaration to-day, said that no peace could be built until Prussianism is disarmed.

He asserted that Britain could not continue fighting a war of this character unless "we define our objectives."

Mr Bevin declared that he believed that the British Commonwealth, China, the United States and Russia would play a role which nobody until now had ever conceived in the

Without complete knowledge of the facts it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans could bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Marshal Rundstedt's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and that their attacks were repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the roads to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: Are their divisions in reserve, which are still fresh, fully equipped, or must they wait a while before they can be provided with the full equipment necessary for battle? And how long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?

#### Delaying Action

It is these questions which should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it considered that the moment has arrived for assumption of the offensive.

Ideas of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, have been vitiated by the cult of the defensive and of timidity often concealed under that more imposing word, prudence. Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed.

That real defence lies in men and their leaders. "It is men and not walls who are the defences of a city," said the Romans of old.

#### Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy and indeed that of the whole Russian Army is probably dictated not by the defence of obstacles, natural or artificial, when full use may be made of such, but the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategic conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal

**Exemptions From Interest Tax**  
It has been revealed by the Commissioner of War Taxation, that following companies have been granted exemption by the Governor-in-Council from interest tax on interest payable on consumers' deposits held by them:

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., China Light and Power Co., Ltd., and Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

## NAZI INVASION FORESTALLED

### Effect of Red Resistance

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Russia has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the Nazis. That is one of the impressions Congressional leaders are reported to have gained from their conference with President Roosevelt.

### HITLER ILL, SAYS REPORT

#### Alleged Reaction To Nazis Setback

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph" in a news dispatch from Switzerland to-day, purported to cite indications that Hitler's "mental condition" had deteriorated since the first German setback on the Russian front.

The dispatch, which lacked confirmation from other sources, declared that Professor Ferdinand Sauerbruch, a specialist in nervous diseases, had conferred with two Swiss psychologists regarding Hitler's health.

The dispatch claimed that Hitler had been forced to leave the Russian front and was now at Berchtesgaden where doctors had decided he must not be told any "bad news" of note.

According to Berlin dispatches, Hitler still had his headquarters at the Eastern Front to-day.

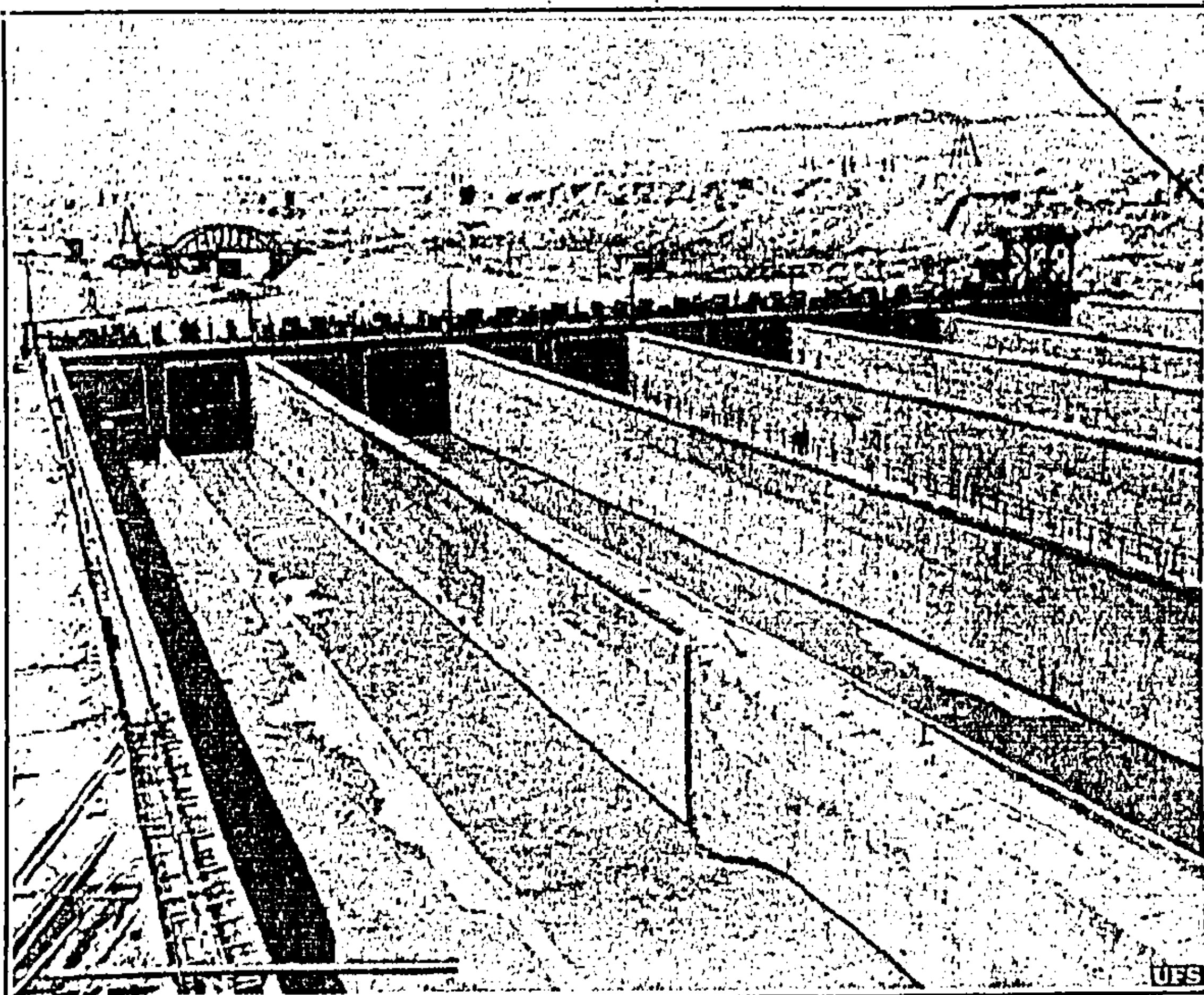
### NO COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—When asked if Mr Roosevelt had approved the recommendation of the Navy and Army chiefs for compulsory censorship of all communications in and out of America, the President's secretary Mr Stephen Early, declared that Mr Roosevelt was unaware of the existence of any such bill.

Mr Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report except that it was the Wilhelmstrasse or someone in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.

### THREATENED BY GERMANS

The Dnieperstroy Dam is now threatened by the Nazis in their latest southern Ukraine drive. The huge dam, built close to the Dnieper River near Dnepropetrovsk, and is about 200 miles northeast of Nikolaiev, important Ukraine seaport which has fallen to the advancing German forces.



## British Cargoes Explode, Blaze In N.Y. Harbour: 2 Die; 55 Injured

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions that shook lower Manhattan to-day, accompanied a raging fire which broke out at the East River wharf where British ships are loaded with supplies for Britain and Egypt.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges.

The Coast Guard and fire boats raced to the rescue. Two people were killed and 55 people were injured—some feared fatally—in the fire. Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as lunch-hour crowds poured out from offices.

#### Flames Spread

The fire which began with a series of explosions, sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges alight and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

The American freighter Panuco, laden with quicksilver, minerals and hemp, caught fire, was cut loose and drifted off blazing from stem to stern. A flaming barge was cast adrift and floated lazily down the river while fire-boats threw tons of water on it.

Five fire alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Station, from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

### Quo Endorses 8 Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17 (UP).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Foreign Minister, to-day issued a statement, saying that the Chinese Government and people wholeheartedly welcome and endorse the Roosevelt-Churchill statement, which is essentially in harmony with Dr Sun Yat-sen's advocacy for a "great commonwealth of nations."

Dr Quo said that he believed post-war reconstruction would be more difficult than winning the war, requiring the supreme efforts of all peoples, in which the Chinese people are prepared to fully contribute.

The Chinese Foreign Minister said that he believed that the shortest way to suppress aggression was to defeat Japan first by encirclement.

### Expectancy In Singapore

(BY SELBY WALKER, REUTER'S CHIEF CORRESPONDENT IN THE FAR EAST)

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18.—A feeling of tense expectancy continues to pervade Singapore in view of the multi-lingual Japanese campaign of vilifying the alleged Anglo-American encirclement of Japan.

The Japanese are also playing up the reinforcement of the Malay garrisons as a direct threat to Thailand—apparently with the idea of opening the Thailand oyster the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

Tension is heightened by the stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was the broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

**Malaya Ready**

The man in the street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire. This is exemplified by the presence, everywhere, of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including "palest sun-burned Australians, tanned Indians

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### WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE

#### Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communique.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

#### Incendiaries

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation, followed by a fire which was still visible from the sea."

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### Latest Goering Reports

#### Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prison camps, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

"It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed."

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different people in the different places which they traversed.

### Insurgents Of Iraq To Face Trial

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The former commander of the Iraqi Royal Bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in Rashid Ali's revolt have been placed on the retired list according to a Baghdad telegram. A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.

### H.K. Boy Killed In Action

News has been received in the Colony that Pilot Officer Leslie Richard Evans, R.A.F., former pupil of the Central British School (1922 to 1926) crashed whilst landing in England after returning from a bombing flight and was killed with three others.

This is the third former pupil of the Central British School who has given his life in the present war; in addition, one is missing and another is a prisoner of war.

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## Churchill's Thrilling Trans-Atlantic Trip

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With The Royal Navy)

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Escorted by destroyers of the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy, the giant battleship Prince of Wales has reached a British port and thus ended the Prime Minister's amazing journey.

"I was in one of the British escort and never once did we sight any hostile craft, either in the air or on the sea or beneath."

It was truly an amazing voyage—amazing in the first place in the significance that the Prime Minister should travel across the Atlantic and hold a series of conferences with President Roosevelt, and in the

second place that he should return in a blaze of publicity.

Officers aboard our destroyer scratched their heads and looked at me for explanation when they heard over the ward-room wireless that Mr Churchill was returning in the Prince of Wales.

It seemed to us as if an open challenge had been issued to Hitler to do his worst, for there we were, TURN to Back Page, Column 5



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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
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- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
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### ENTRY FORM

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## N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia Radio denies a "Dome" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the Democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports without which constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

## Invaders Repulsed In Honan

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—A Japanese drive in Honan has been repulsed with heavy losses, declared a Chinese military spokesman at this afternoon's press conference.

He added that the Japanese launched the drive apparently to cover their withdrawals and also in an attempt to disperse the Chinese concentrations threatening the Japanese advance bases.

Five thousand Japanese in Sinyang, an important city on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, pushed northward towards Pingchengkwan. After six days of hard fighting, the spokesman declared, the Japanese were driven back to their original position, suffering 1,500 casualties.

## R.A.F. Sweep Channel

**Bremen's 81st Raid**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
FOLKESTONE, Aug. 18 (UP).—Bomber planes escorted by a considerable force of fighters flying at about 15,000 feet dived across the Straits towards the North Sea this afternoon, indicating another R.A.F. sweep of the Continent.

**Carried Some Weight**  
LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the R.A.F. raids last night were fairly weighty, considering the weather although not as heavy as other raids made recently. This makes Bremen's 81st and Duisburg's 40th raid of the war.

**Lille Attached**  
LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, bombed industrial targets at Lille this afternoon. It is learned.

**Three Vessels Sunk**  
LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Three German patrol vessels were bombed and sunk off the Dutch coast by R.A.F. Blenheim bombers this afternoon, according to an Air Ministry communiqué.

"The attacks on objectives in Northern France were made by other Blenheims, which were accompanied by strong fighter escorts," continues the communiqué.

"An industrial plant at Lille and other targets were bombed. Fighter escorts destroyed three enemy fighters."

Other fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of Northern Brittany and attacked an aerodrome and enemy troops with cannon and machine-gun fire.

"From these operations, three aircraft—all fighters—are missing."

## Lord Willingdon And Boxer Fund

AUG. 19 (Reuter).—A tribute to the work of the late Lord Willingdon in connection with the Boxer Indemnity Fund was paid this morning by Mr. Han Lih-yu, Secretary-General of the Boxer Indemnity Board.

"There are many achievements to the credit of the late Lord Willingdon, and not the least was the part he played in the return of the British Boxer Indemnity Funds," said Mr. Han.

Lord Willingdon visited China in 1925 as Chairman of the delegation from the Boxer Indemnity Committee, and presented a very able report which laid down the principles on which the British Boxer Indemnity Funds could best be used.

"It would be fitting that, at an appropriate date, some way should be found permanently to record Lord Willingdon's services in determining an equitable disposal of these funds."

## Kunming Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
KUNMING, Aug. 17. (delayed UP).—Twenty-seven Japanese planes bombed the upper end of the main business district of Kunming at 10.20 a.m. to-day. The damage was heavy and many rebuilt shops were destroyed, but the casualties were small.

## Baron Hiranuma

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Dome).—Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, Minister of State, is continuing to make "extremely satisfactory progress" toward recovery.

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Commodity exchange throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing Government control.

## U.S. Navy One Down to H.K.

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allowing seven Maple Leaf runs to cross the plate on five hits and three bingles. Tomasevsky's prodigious homer driving in Walter featured the brilliant Canadian rally in this inning.

Portugal's fourteen men team all got into the fray and from their angle the champions will be a strong threat for the title once again this year. The key-stoning duo of Zimbo Gossau and George Sousa showed peppery form in their first pairing together and appear to be the foundation of Portugal's defence in this year's International hunt.

**GRANDPA Leung's Chinese**  
Maroons trimmed the Royal Engineers 8-4, for their second straight victory over the Sappers in the loop schedule.

Clicking off with a single run in the 1st when Choy Ping-fun sallied home on Bill Chang's bingle to centre, the Chung Hwamen added three more in the 3rd canto after Al Lau was thrown out at first on a bunt.

P. F. Choy seized a liner over short, stole second and crashed home on two wild throws. Rookie K. S. Kwok walked, pilfered second and crossed the plate when Bill Chang drove a sizzling triple to deep left; the bustling Chinese backstop bled in with the third run on an error at the plate. Hank Chan fanned and Baby Chan was caught stealing second for the last out in this big Maroon inning.

The Leungmen added two more runs in the next frame and cruised in with single markers in the 5th and 7th, to finish off another winning ball game.

Welford's Sappers flushed out with a last effort spurt in the last two stanzas, mashing through with two runs in the 6th when Chinese twirler Al Lau weakened in the torrid atmosphere to walk four batters. With the Maroon tesser in the well-known hole, two Sapper tallies sallied across the pan.

In the last frame the Engineers again put hurler Al Lau in a tough spot. Tom Fox scored on Mac Shaw's single. Then, with two out, the Sappers filled the bases, but in the tense striding, Mickey Sarsfield rolled a slow bouncer to the pitcher, ending the losers' last-embere'd threat.

**SHOWING power galore** with the hickory slugger, Mindanno's pennant-holders pounded South China hurler Paul Lau for sixteen solid safeties to take the old ball game 16-7.

Mac McKenzie, taking over the initial base in the absence of the injured Henry Ruel, gave a finished display in taking anything and everything that came his way and also came into his own at the plate to lead the champions in their determined swinging attack. The lanky McKenzie appears a certainty for the first base spot next season.

A snappy unassisted double play featured the game in the 5th canto when Tony Muscavage took Ernie Moy's pop fly to Catch Dopey Lo off second.

Dividing their term on the hillcock Tony Muscavage and Ski Powlawski set the Caroline Hillmen down with five scattered bingles and fanned four.

Nelson Ma's snappy game at second was the only light in the Chinese loss. The key-stoner made four assists in a starry fielding show and crossed the pan with two South China runs.

League Standing

W.	L.	Pts	
Mindanao	8	1	388
H. B. Brewers	4	1	380
Chung Hwa Maroons	3	3	656
Achieville-Tulsa	1	5	500
H.K. Baseball Club	3	5	375
Royal Engineers	2	7	222
South China	1	7	125

\* have withdrawn.

## Tax Record In America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Treasury Department reported to-day that the public had paid \$7,370,106,377 in taxes during the 1941 fiscal year, these taxes being the highest in peacetime history and over two billion dollars above last year's total. Income taxes showed a 50 per cent. increase over last year.

## Petrol Rationed In Afghanistan

PESHAWAR, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Afghan Government have introduced petrol rationing. It is learned. The move has been taken owing to reduction in imports by over 30 per cent. caused by the war. The country is dependent upon imports. Although oil deposits are known to exist in Afghanistan, they remain untapped.

## Planes For Mid. East.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt disclosed to-day that delivery of aircraft to British forces in the Middle East would be speeded up through the ferry system conducted by Pan-American Airways.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	455
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/4 n.
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 3/4
T.T. Batavia	40 3/4
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	108
T.T. Switzerland	103
T.T. France	103
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 3/4
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4 02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	.....

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

**BANKS**  
H.K. Banks \$.....1,390 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....74 n.  
Chartered Bank £.....61 1/2 n.  
Merchandise A. & B. £.....23 3/4 n.  
Mercantile C. £.....11 1/2 n.  
East Asia \$.....76 n.

**INSURANCES**  
Canton Ins. \$.....225 b.  
Union Ins. \$.....410 b.  
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....185 b.

**SHIPPING**  
Douglas \$.....120 n.  
Steamboats \$.....8 1/2 n.  
Indo-China P. \$.....80 n.  
Indo-China D. \$.....70 n.  
Shell (Bearers) \$.....48 1/2 n.  
Waterboats \$.....65 n.

**DOCKS ETC.**  
Wharves \$.....01 sa.  
Docks \$.....18 b.  
Providents \$.....620 n.  
Shai Dockyards \$.....20 3/4 n.

**MINING**  
Kallan s/-.....13 1/2 n.  
Raubs \$.....7 1/4 n.  
H.K. Mines.....2 cts n.

**LANDS**  
Hotels \$.....360 n.  
Lands \$.....35 sa.  
Lands 4% Debentures.....97 1/2 n.  
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....21 n.  
Humphreys \$.....7 n.  
H.K. Realties \$.....340 n.  
Chinese Estates \$.....101 b.

**UTILITIES**  
Trams \$.....17 1/4 sa.  
Peak Trams (old) \$.....1140 n.  
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/4 n.  
Star Ferries \$.....51 n.  
Y. Ferries \$.....22 1/2 n.  
China Lights (old) \$.....6 sa.  
China Lights (new) \$.....130 b.  
H.K. Electric (old) n. rts.....22 sa.  
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....21 1/2 n.  
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....11 1/4 n.  
Macao Electric \$.....1840 n.  
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 1/4 n.  
Telephones (old) \$.....23 1/4 n.  
Telephones (new) \$.....8 1/2 n.

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....30 n.  
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....25 n.  
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.  
Cements \$.....15 b.  
H.K. Ropes \$.....860 b.

**STORES, &c.**  
Dairy Farms \$.....18 1/2 b.  
Watsons \$.....1140 n.  
Lone Crawford \$.....645 n.  
Sincere \$.....23 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....50 n.  
Wm. Powell Ltd. x.d. \$.....1 1/2 n.

**COTTON MILLS**  
Ewo Sh. \$.....38 n.  
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....305 n.

**MISO.**  
H.K. Govt 4 1/2 %.....98 b.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 % (1940).....95 b.  
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Ch. Govt 5 1/2 % 1925 GSBds.....42 n.  
Entertainments (old) \$.....0 1/2 n.  
Constructions (old) \$.....160 n.  
Constructions (new) \$.....80 cts n.  
Vibro Piling \$.....720 n.  
Mansmann Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....5 7/8 n.  
Mansmann Inv. (H.K.) s/-.....1/6 n.

In addition to the usual news commentaries the following London releases will be incorporated in the ZBW programmes this week:

A discussion by Sir Frederick Whyte and Bernard Darwin in the series "Britain Today" will be broadcast at 11 p.m. on Wednesday at the same time on Thursday night there is a talk by Edwin Ward, and on Friday night, again at 11 o'clock, Desmond MacCarthy will talk on the "Makers of History". As usual on Saturday, there will be the special broadcast for British Forces in the Far East from 8.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the variety programme "Old Mother Riley takes the Air" at 11.15 p.m. Here are some of the principal

## \*—RADIO—\*

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12. K. S. T.  
12.15 Short Service of Intercession.  
12.30 The Hill Billies in Variety.  
1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.  
1.02 \*Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).  
1.30 Reader and Rugby Press and Announcements.  
1.45 Musical Comedy Selections—"Words and Music"—Section (Noel Coward). The New Mayfair Orchestra; Follow Through—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Musical Comedy Marches... Light Opera Company with Orchestra; Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)... Jack Hyllon and His Orchestra.  
2.15 Close Down.  
8.00 Indian Programme.  
8.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
9.00 \*Dance Music by Jack Hyllon and His Orchestra; Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; Louis Armstrong's Original Washboard Beaters; Juan Lloras and His Tango Orchestra; Victor Young and His Orchestra.  
9.30 Portuguese Programme.  
9.40 London Relay—The News.  
9.45 London Relay—War Commentary.  
9.52 London Relay—"Listening Post"—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.  
8.30 Programme Summary.  
8.32 Studio-Saxophone Recital by Palapo—1. Simple Confession (Francis Thomas); 2. Sonata No. 3 (C. F. Handel); 3. Melodie (Tchikowsky); 4. Valse Vantile (Rudy Wedcott).  
9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
9.02 \*Armenian—"At the Court of Frederick the Great"—Musical Antiqua-Speakers: N. Dalton, C. Barrett, M. Angell, H. Norton. Directed by Nicholas Roth.  
9.26 Orchestra Raymond and Dania (Vocal)—The Dancing Clock (Ewing), Poupée Valsante (Poldini)... Orchestra Raymond and Dania (Vocal), Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer—Waltz (Dania with Orchestra); Goutin in Vienna (Arr. G. Walter)... Orchestra Raymond.  
9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).  
9.45 Marcel Palati at the Organ.  
10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.  
10.15 B.B.C. Recording—"Fighter Pilot"—A Radio Impression of part of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.  
10.48 Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone)—Fan-China Lights (new) \$.....130 b.  
H.K. Electric (old) n. rts.....22 sa.  
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Items of interest from this week's local programmes:  
Following the Programme Summary at 8.30 p.m. to-day, there is a Saxophone Recital by Palapo from the Studio of ZBW. At 10.15 p.m. there is a feature programme entitled "Fighter Pilot," which was specially recorded for broadcasting by the B.B.C.  
The Letter from Free China, read from the Studio by Mrs. Alice Chow, will be broadcast at 10.15 p.m. to-morrow, and following this are two works of Darius, first his Sonata No. 2 played by Torts and Reeves and "In a Summer Garden," played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
Mozart's Concerto in E Flat Major played by Arthur and Karl Ulrich Schnabel will be broadcast immediately after the 8.30 p.m. Programme Summary on Thursday. John Abbott will again review new records in the series "To-night We Present" which will be heard at 9.02 p.m. on Thursday.  
Friday evening's European transmission opens with Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 in D Major played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and at 8.32 p.m. Harry Ore will give a Piano Recital from the Studio. From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. there is an hour of Variety Requests for which listeners are invited to send in asking for any items they may care to hear during this broadcast. All letters must reach the Secretary not later than 5 p.m. to-morrow.  
Saturday's programmes, with the exception of a recorded Piano, Violin and Flute Recital by Arthur de Grief, Fritz Kreisler and Marcel Moyse, with which the evening transmission opens, are of light variety and dance music.  
Compositions of Grieg, including his popular Concerto in A Minor, open the luncheon transmission on Sunday and Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony will be broadcast at 2.07 p.m. during that transmission. From 8.32 p.m. until the 9 p.m. local time signal, there is a programme of the music of Liszt, which includes his "Venezia e Napoli" played by Louis Kentner, and the time signal will be followed by Handel's Alcina Suite. From 9.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. there will be a programme of light French music which, in future, will be a weekly feature at this time on Sunday night.  
News in French is broadcast nightly, on Short Wave only, from 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m., and programmes in Portuguese are given bi-weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.  
All times given in this summary are Hongkong Summer Time, which is nine hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

### VICEROY'S TOUR

BOMBAY, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, left to-day for Simla, thus concluding his three-weeks' tour of Madras and Bombay Presidencies.  
The purpose of this monsoon tour was to renew contacts and inspect the progress of the war effort in these Presidencies.  
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### China May Be At Moscow Meeting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Central News).—A competent Far Eastern commentator believes that China may be invited to participate in the Moscow meeting but there is no confirmation from official quarters.  
This commentator said that if China's participation materialises, it will fulfil Dr. Quo Tai-chi's dream of an A-B-C combination together with U.S.S.R. arrayed against the Axis in general and Japan in particular.

### Churchill's Return

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill will arrive in London on Tuesday morning.  
The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt. The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.

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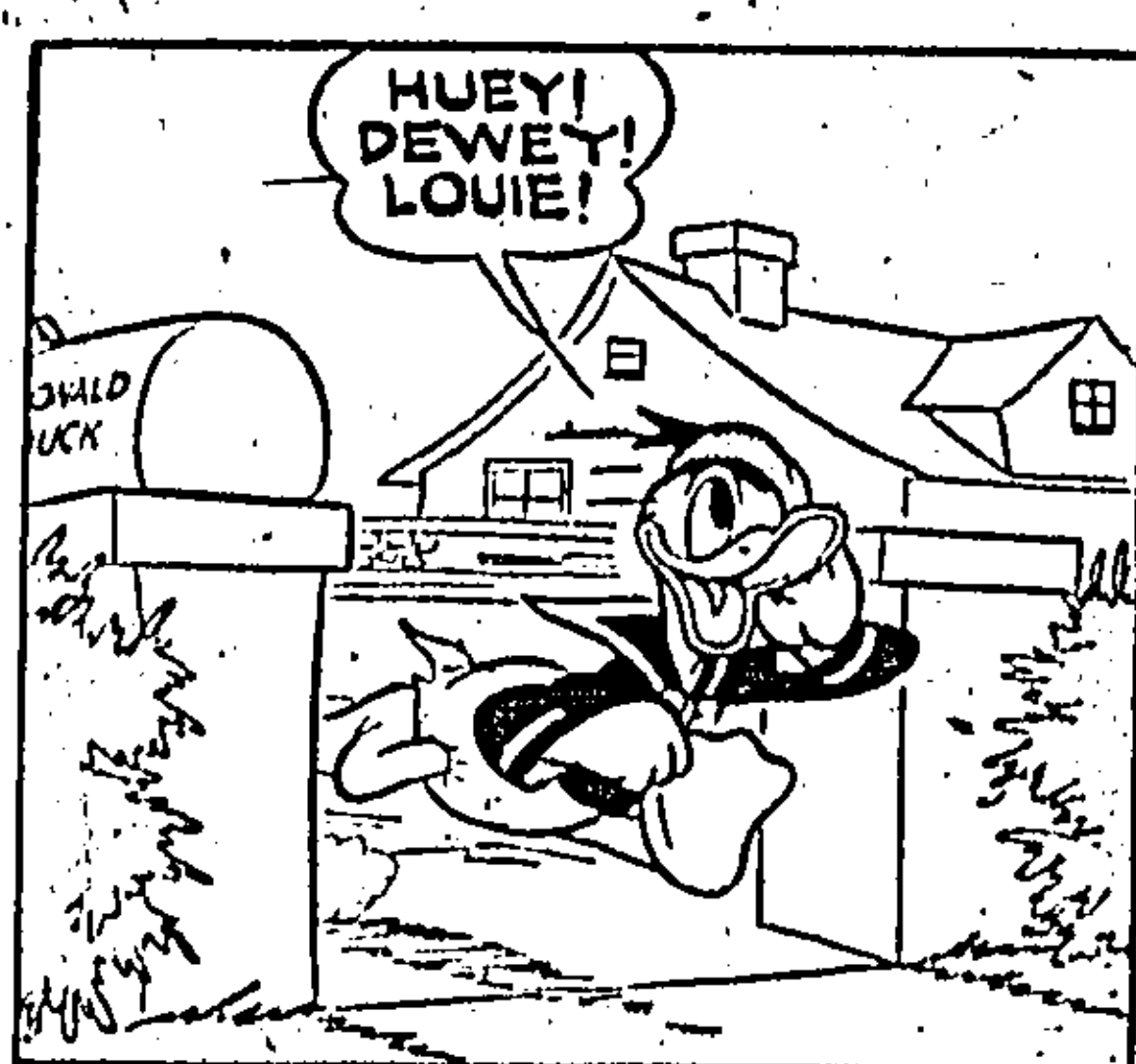
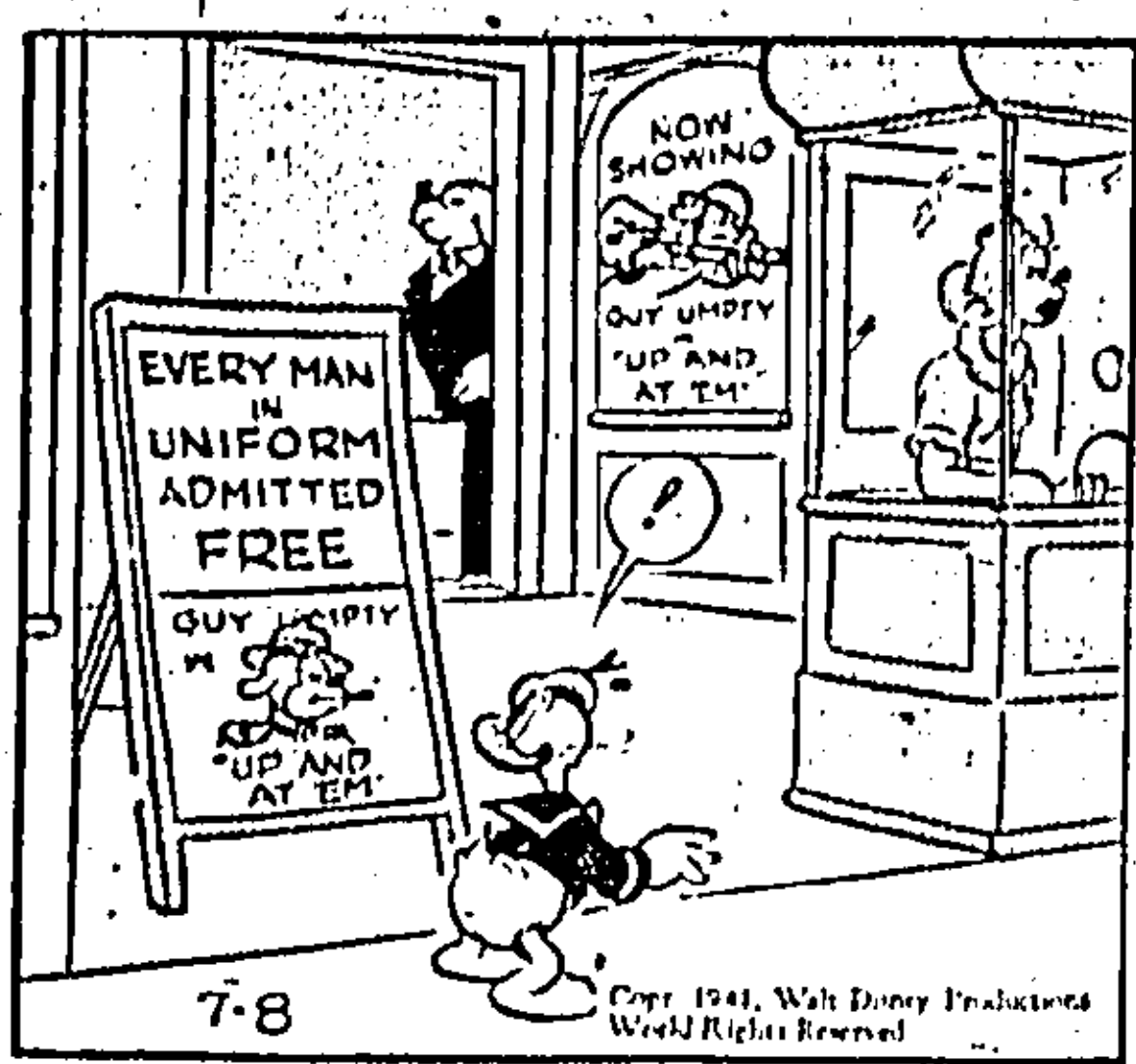
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South, dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

The bidding:

♠ KJ10  
♥ K84  
♦ 10932  
♣ 7

♠ A43  
♥ QJ76  
♦ 10932  
♣ 100

♠ Q85  
♥ A103  
♦ A98  
♣ K842

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the nine of spades, dummy played the ten, and East, seeing no reason to hold up the ace, won the trick. Rather than return the opening lead automatically, and woodenly, East considered his problem from different angles. First, there was the chance that the nine of spades had been a short suit opening, in which case a return would be downright silly. Second, even if West had a four or five card spade suit, from the cards in sight in dummy and East's own hand it was obvious that West could not have

sufficient entries to clear and cash spade tricks. Thus a shift was quite logical. There was no sense shifting long in that suit, and the club situation appeared equally unpropitious. Having arrived at hearts by the process of elimination, East next considered what heart he should lead. His 9-7 were a tenace over dummy's eight. If West had the ten of hearts all heart leads by East would be the same. If West had the queen and not the ten, a low heart would be fatal.

Acting on that sound premise, East selected the nine of hearts, and this excellent attack was the declarer's undoing. He covered with the ten (it would not have mattered had he played either the ace or small heart). West played the queen, and dummy's king won the trick. Now the diamond thence was taken, West winning and returning a heart. Dummy played low and East's six-spot forced the ace. Later East had to get on lead with the ace of clubs, and cashed his jack and seven of hearts for the defeat of the contract.

It is interesting to note that no other card could have been led by East at the second trick to achieve this result.

To-morrow's Hand  
Rubber bridge.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
South dealer.

♠ KJ9  
♥ Q54  
♦ K64  
♣ QJ106

♠ Q105  
♥ 82  
♦ 10983  
♣ K964

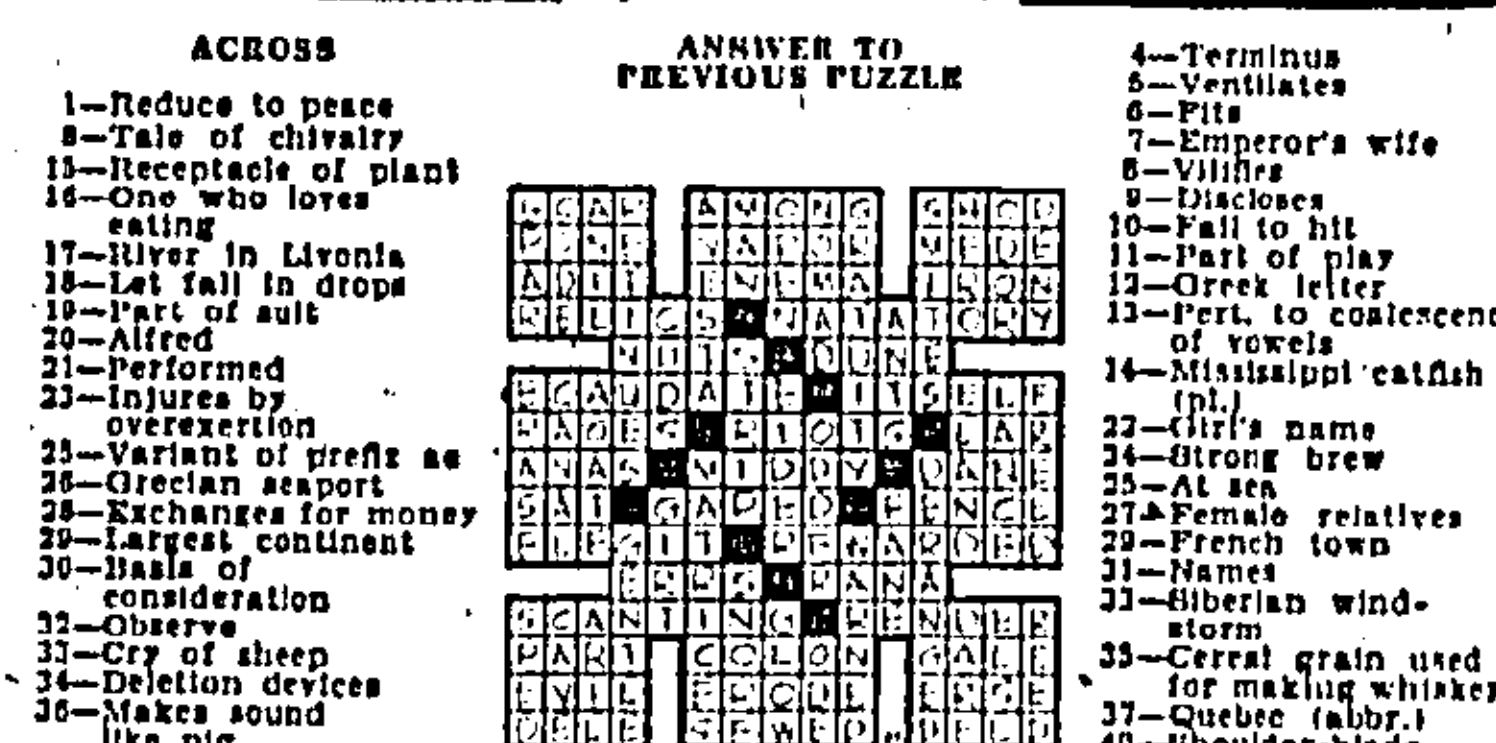
♠ A873  
♥ AKJ107  
♦ QJ2  
♣ 8

How should this hand be played at a four heart contract with South the declarer?

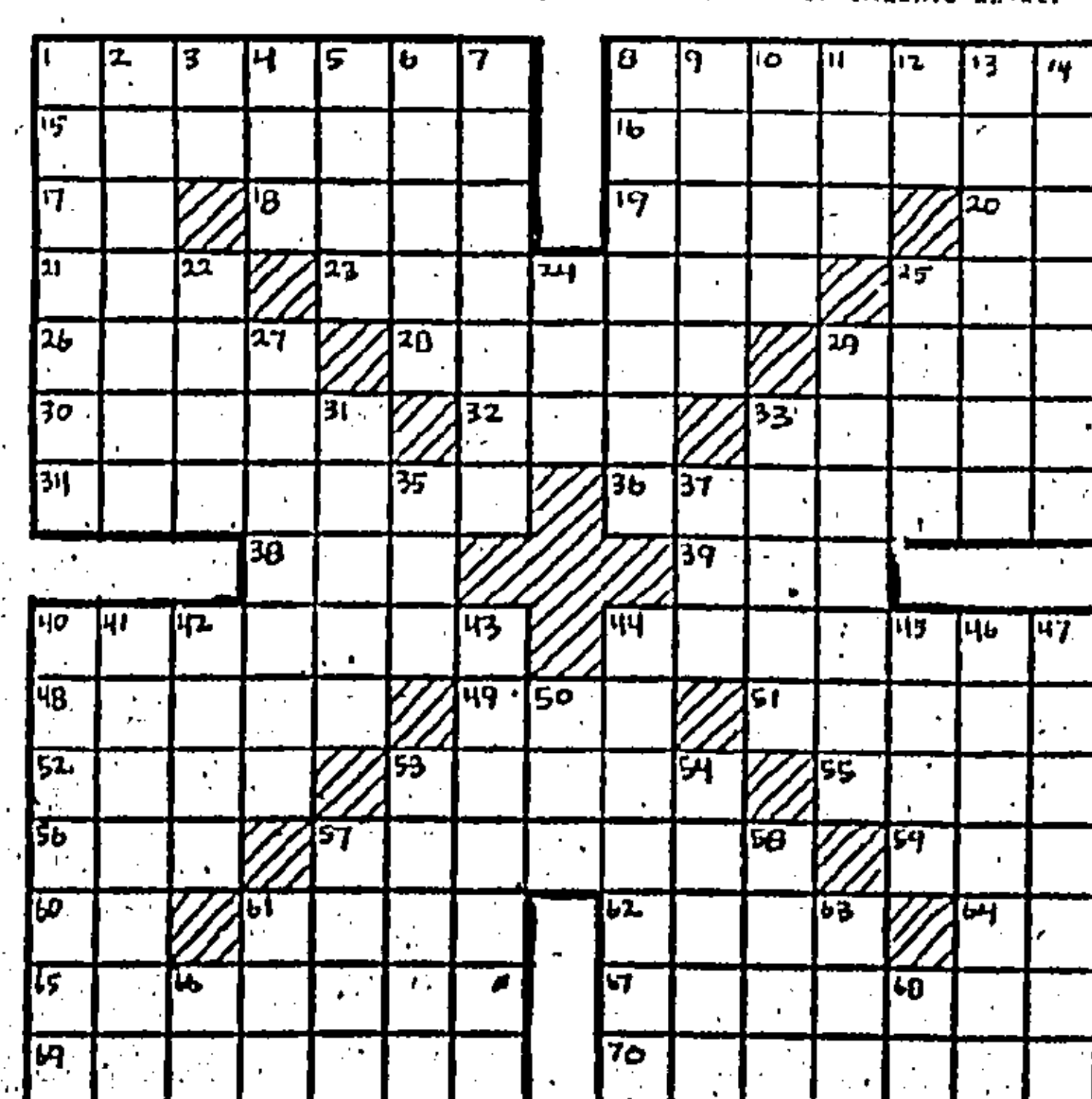
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



1-Reduce to phrase  
2-Tale of chivalry  
3-Interstate of plant  
4-One who loves  
5-Being  
6-Lives in Lymington  
7-Fall drops  
8-Part of suit  
9-Afford  
10-Returned  
11-Injured by  
12-Overreaction  
13-Variant of prefix as  
14-Creates a story  
15-Exchange for money  
16-Largest continent  
17-Jab at  
18-Consideration  
19-Queens  
20-City of sheep  
21-Collection device  
22-Makes sound  
23-Attempt  
24-Horrid vase  
25-One who plans  
26-One who gives  
27-Plains surface of  
28-Point of compass  
29-Din  
30-Dutch liquid  
31-Measure of oil  
32-Take out as brood  
33-Parity  
34-Only two peaches  
35-First person plural

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## 35 YEARS

The United States court for China is celebrating this year the completion of 35 years of judicial activity in China.

It holds the distinction of being the only United States court operating off American soil, but now faces the possibility of being abolished sometime in the future when the United States, in accordance with its pledge to the Chungking Government, gives up its extra-territorial treaty rights in China.

The Court in the early period of its history operated to give the impartial application of American laws to U.S. citizens in a country with a multiplicity of legal systems which conflicted with each other and many times were contrary to the judicial procedure as recognised in the west.

## Illicit Business

During the early years of the Court's existence the laxity in application of law threatened to undermine its existence. Illicit business at that time was flourishing under the title of American citizenship and the political indifference was far from Washington's control.

The first judge of the Court and several of his successors were involved in numerous scandals. However, the Court gradually became one of the recognised institutions of China and now has attained the highest of recognition both here and abroad.

During the depression years of 1934 and 1935 numerous American firms were forced into receivership and there was danger that the credit of American nationals in Shanghai would be affected. The Court, however, adopted the new United States bankruptcy act and several American firms reorganised to their creditors' benefit.

## Federal Court

In 1935 the court held a nine weeks' session at Tientsin and Peking where for the first time in American history, a federal Court sat on a military reservation—the sessions were held in the U.S. Marines compound of the American Embassy. The same year the Court held its first session in Canton.

The outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war presented court cases of a complicated nature, involving questions of property rights, war risk insurance and whether the Chinese were evading the Japanese by obtaining American registration of their firms.

In one instance the Court dissolved a Tientsin corporation due to insufficient American control, and this decision was made the basis for future cases in determining whether the Japanese in their seizures were affecting American or purely Chinese property.

Lawyers acclaimed the ruling, saying the Court was exercising vigilance to prevent the possible abuse of American citizenship and extrajudicial rights. However, it was admitted there was still some misuse of these rights.

## When Peace Comes

If and when peace returns to China, with the Chungking Government retaining its sovereignty, the United States and Great Britain have promised to again take up the question of abolition of extrajudiciality. This would inevitably mean the end of the United States Court for China.

Chinese judicial leaders, however, claim the work by the United States Court will endure as a "monument" to

has the U.S. Court for China been in existence: it will be abolished as soon as peace comes to China

BY  
ROBERT P. MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

American jurisprudence and say its effect will be felt in shaping the future administration of justice for China.

The Court's present Judge, Milton J. Helmick, sailed unexpectedly for the United States recently, causing a certain amount of surprise, since some legal circles say major cases cannot be heard until his return. They explained he could not be replaced except by Commissioner N. E. Lorton, who has been empowered to hear only lesser cases.

Although legal circles were surprised by the suddenness of his decision to return to the United States, they understood Helmick was only planning a brief vacation and also to attend the wedding of his niece and ward, Miss Sandy Tittman to John R. Morris, Far Eastern Manager for the United Press.

Helmick was born in St. Louis, Mo., and attended Stanford University and the University of Denver.

He is widely known throughout New Mexico, where he was attorney general and judge of the district court. Helmick served in the infantry of the United States Army during the World War. He was appointed as head of the Court for China in 1934.

## EVACUEE ITEMS FROM AUSTRALIA

Indirect link with Hongkong was provided by the arrival in Australia recently of Lady Hylda Wrench, who, before her marriage to Sir Evelyn Wrench, the post card king, was the wife of the late Sir Frederick des Voeux, the seventh baronet. He, in turn,

was related to the former Governor of Hongkong, Lady Hylda, who was born in Pau, France, says her recreations are travelling and getting away from crowds.

Mrs F. C. Clemo has joined the Sydney WANS (Women's Auxiliary Nursing Service), and looks natty in her new blue uniform.

Mr T. H. King, the former Commissioner of Police of Hongkong, recently addressed Sydney's staid Millions Club. Members, expecting an exciting discourse on some of Mr King's experiences—he is said to have seen more pirates, bandit outrages and civil war disturbances than any other European in China—heard instead a talk on Hongkong's beauties. He refused to comment on politics or Japan.

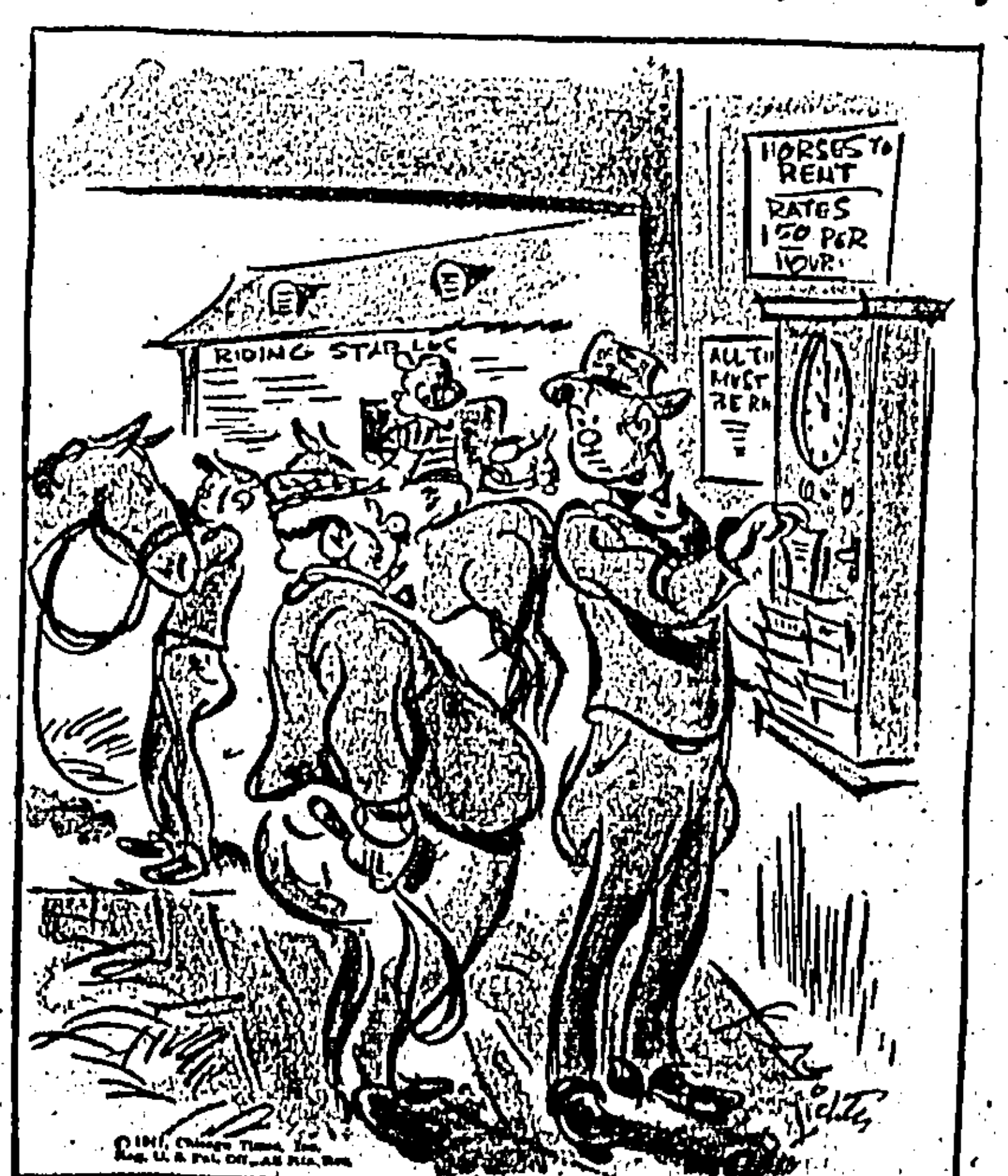
The Diarist of the Sydney "Daily Mail" says:—Stunning looked Mrs G. Harding Tilley, of Hongkong, in sapphire blue dinner frock with chunky gold jewellery, dining and dancing at Romano's with her husband.

The Diarist also peeked in at the Prince's, another Sydney night club, and saw there, among many people from the East, the following from Hongkong—Mrs Helen O'Connor and Wilfred Edge.

Mrs J. T. Prior is teaching many Australian ladies at a twice-weekly sewing bee to make felt toys, of which 800 are wanted for the Christmas drive in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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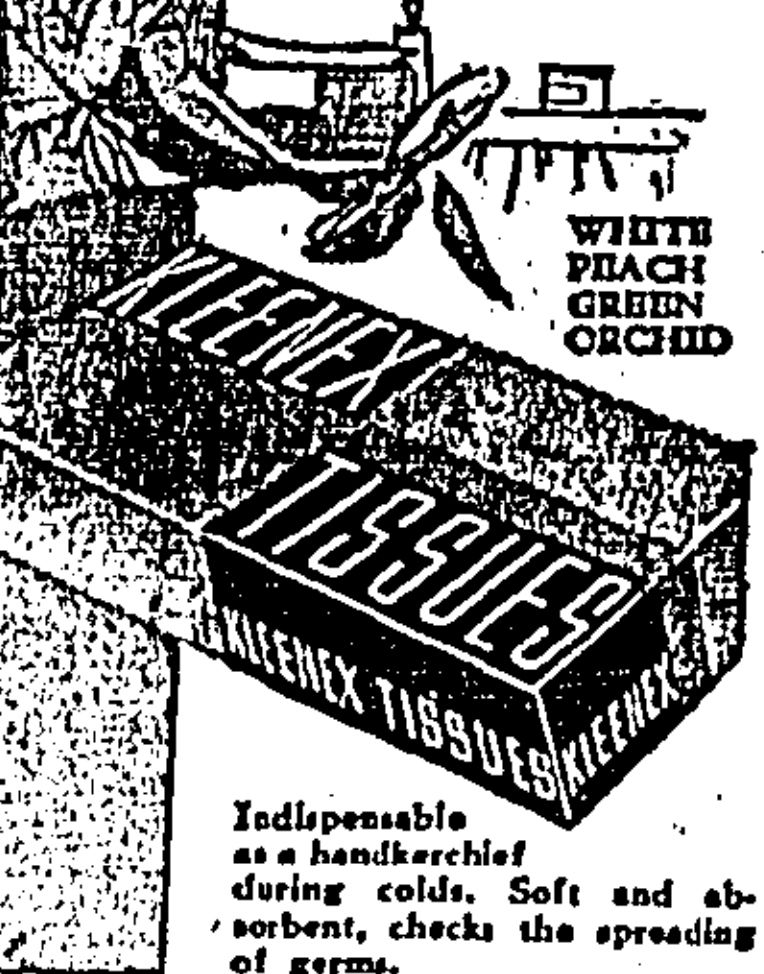
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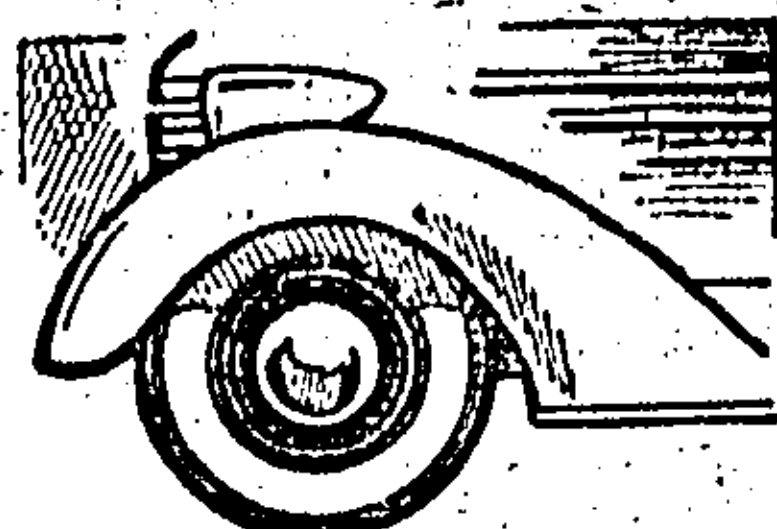
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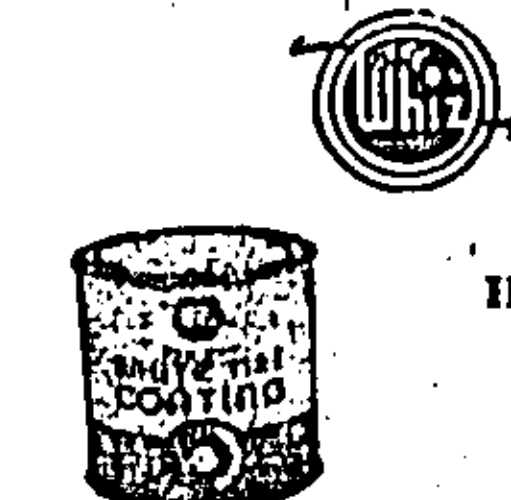
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### THIRD BLITZ

There is no doubt that the Germans are making a desperate and terrific attempt to crush Russia before Winter. Already they have encountered a quality in the Russian opposition which has exacted a terrible toll of manpower, tanks, planes and all the other impedimenta of modern warfare—a stern and disquieting reality which must indeed cause Hitler furiously to think. Even should this third blitzkrieg against Russia achieve success, it will not mean final victory.

It is true that the Russians have been dealt almost staggering blows, but the intelligence and determination in their mode of defence augur well for a continuance of their resistance. They too can count upon a tremendous reserve of manpower, while it appears reasonable to assume their equipment is up-to-date, efficient and plentiful.

The close association which has now been formed between Great Britain, The United States and Russia is another factor which must be greatly disturbing to Hitler. Time was when there was reason to believe that Russia would remain aloof from the present war at all costs, assuming a role which almost mystified the democracies. Later, the failure of the British Military Mission in Russia, and the almost simultaneous success of the German Mission, left us bewildered and not a little concerned.

Subsequent events upset all reckoning, the greatest and most sensational being the sudden manner in which Hitler attempted to double-cross Stalin, by invading Russian territory. After nine weeks of the greatest mass warfare in history, the world's arch-aggressor finds himself in as unpleasant a quandary as one can imagine. It is a cause for the utmost gratification on the part of Germany's foes to know that Hitler, genius as he thinks he is, has made a colossal blunder in antagonising Russia. There is not only a limit to Germany's ability to over-ride and ruthlessly smash other nations, but a limit to the endurance of her people and to her material resources. So far, the Russian

Thailand's position in relation to international politics to-day is but doubtfully understood—if understood at all—by those who profess to make a study of the changes and transitions that have been, and are, taking place around us. The country's political progress and economic development in recent years have become increasingly obvious to the close observer of Thailand's affairs, and with the imminent threat of Japanese occupation and the prospect of a showdown within her borders, the time is opportune, perhaps, for a brief survey of conditions as they exist to-day in the only country in South-East Asia to maintain her independence throughout the centuries.

Until a few years ago Thailand was regarded as nothing more than a "backwoods region," too embroiled in her own internal worries to be of any significance in world affairs. This was the consensus of opinion in most of the more progressive nations with the exception of Japan, whose statesmen saw in the apparent disregard of Thailand an opportunity for spreading the influence of Nippon into a little discussed part of the world as a groundwork for her Pan-Asiatic doctrine.

With the commencement of the Japanese movement, realisation also came to Thailand. The country was roused from its state of quiescent apathy, and recent years have seen Thailand unprecedented in her whole history. Throughout this period, which first made itself felt in 1932 when a coup d'état carried out by an organisation called the People's Party turned the country overnight from an absolute monarchy into a constitutional government, Japanese influence has been steadily gaining ground in Bangkok politics.

### STAGE OF TRANSITION

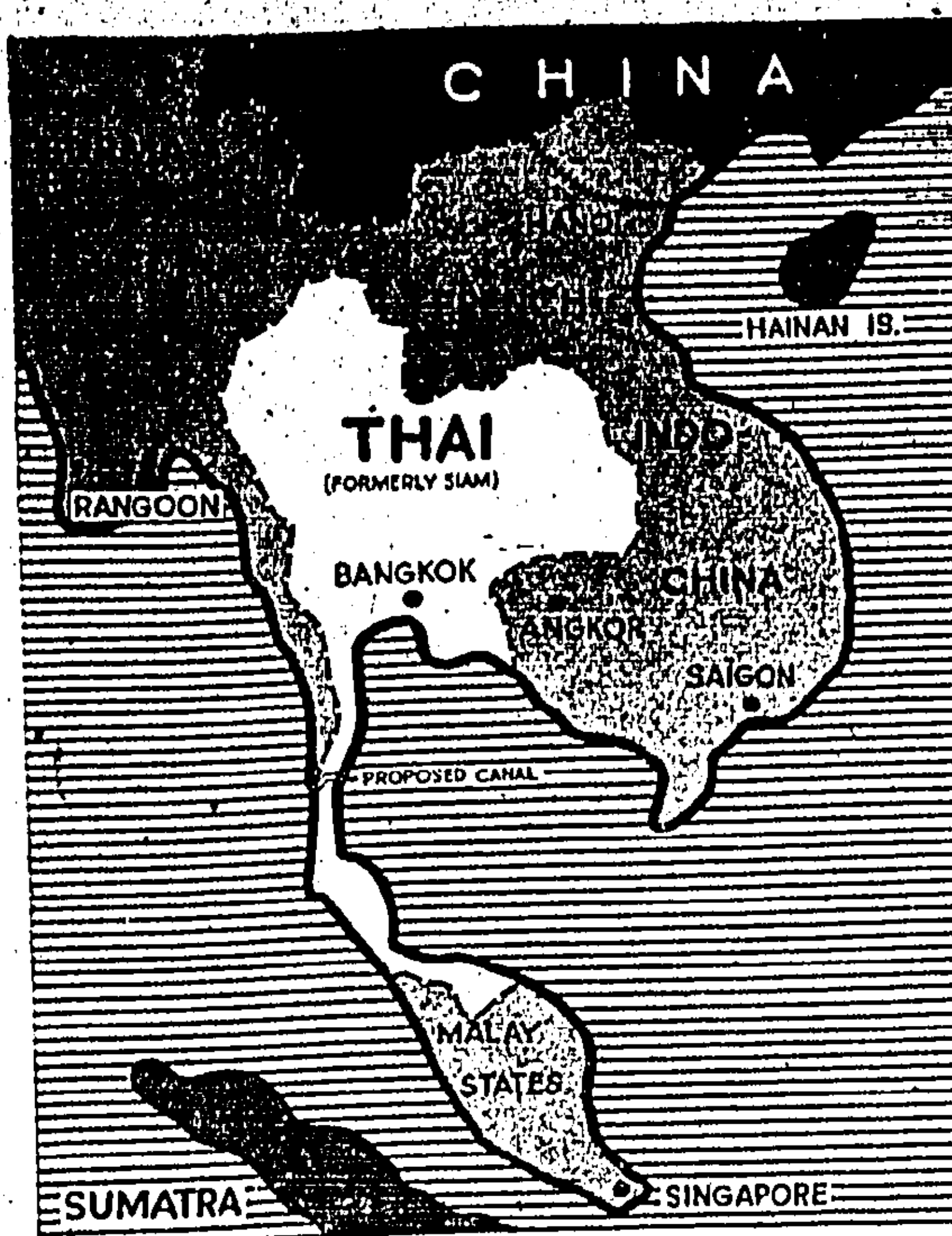
The People's Party still remains the only politically conscious body in the country and alone provides the Government, which is run by a "National Assembly" consisting of 188 members, half of whom are nominated by the People's Party and the other half elected. This arrangement was made for a period of ten years—until 1942—by which time the country is expected to be sufficiently qualified to be governed by a fully-elected Assembly.

The weakness of the arrangement became apparent for the first time in the spring of 1939 when a demand in the Assembly by an elected Member for a detailed account of Government expenditure was refused. There were also allegations of mismanagement of the privy purse. The unexpected happened when the nominated members joined the elected colleagues in voting against the Government, causing a political crisis of the first magnitude and resulting in the resignation of the Premier Col. Phya Bahon Bulbanyasena.

This brought to the limelight of Thailand's politics the present Prime Minister, Major-General Luang Bipul Songgram, who has emerged as the virtual dictator of the country, controlling the army, navy and air force in his capacity as Defence Minister. In addition to his office as Premier he is also Minister of the Interior and Chancellor of the Bangkok University.

Having received part of his military training in Germany, Major-General Bipul Songgram has shown a decided preference for German methods in the training of his armed forces and the selection of his armaments, and this may have accounted partly for the large number of very military-looking Germans in Bangkok during those fateful spring months of two years ago.

campaign has merely served to weaken her, and bring nearer the day when she will be on the defensive, trying desperately to stave off the *coup de grace* which Great Britain and the United States are planning to administer. It is encouraging to know that Hitler has plunged his people into a gigantic struggle which, according to his plans should have been but a side issue. It is also interesting to consider the difficulty which now confronts both his dupes, Italy and Japan.



## SPOTLIGHT ON THAILAND

Songgram even went so far as to allow only one evening off start the Yunnan movement, which each week. The men are well-nourished, healthy and their morale is based on the Hitler Youth Movement. They are very smart on the parade, throwing the entire school into the parade. With a population of 15,000,000 Thailand counts on being able to put 1,000,000 men under arms in an emergency. Nor is the country lacking in equipment or materials.

Popular as Bipul Songgram is, two attempts were made on his life since he took office. Once he was shot while dressing for dinner, the bullet missing his head by inches and another while he was in the car. Both are manly and he has aged and run exclusively by Thai family very nearly perished from poisoning, but were saved by prompt medical aid.

### ACUTE NATIONALISM

The keynote of his policy is acute nationalism and entire self-sufficiency. Numerous labour laws have been introduced to achieve this goal, and many of them make it almost impossible for aliens to get work in Thailand. For instance, no alien who cannot speak fluent Thai is allowed to take up manual work and the least pullers' licences are refused to all but Thais. The Chinese, being the largest immigrants, are the most severely affected by this legislation.

Thai officials have stated that as much as 90 percent of the labour employed in the country is "foreign," and for purposes of their own the Japanese have interpreted the word "foreign" to refer to the Chinese (who have admittedly emigrated to Thailand in large numbers in recent years) and Japanese propaganda has made much of Thailand's decision to reduce Chinese immigration influence by making it one of the standpoints of Thailand's sympathy with Japan's Pan-Asiatic ideals.

The most significant step in Thailand's recent politics, however, is the change of name from Siam. This is the language spoken not only in Thailand but in its irredentia, which comprises certain districts of Cambodia and Laos in French Indo-China, the northernmost states of the Malay Peninsula (though still pay tribute to Bangkok) and some of the Shan States of North Burma which Thailand ceded to Britain many years ago. Does this mean that Thailand expects one day to extend her boundaries to cover the entire Thai-speaking corner of the globe?

When Thailand started spending large sums on an extensive armaments programme under the aegis

## Facts concerning the country of the moment in the Far East scene

of her new constitution, the British and French territories on her border were naturally caused some anxiety, but Bangkok was quick to explain that armed security was essential for internal security and that that was the only purpose of the country's armament plans. What part submarines and aeroplanes have to play in internal security were never explained, but what happened on the Cambodian border a few months ago, when greatly superior numbers of Thai aeroplanes attacked inadequately equipped French troops, is too fresh in the mind to need reiterating.

With a well-trained and fully-equipped army, a small but efficient navy and an air force which is said to count well over 500 planes, Thailand may be considered more than sufficiently well-equipped for the preservation of her "internal security."

There has been conscription in Thailand for many years. Every man of 21 years is required to spend two years in the army, except those who have passed the high school examination, who do only one year's military service. Army pay is small and the discipline strict, soldiers be-

lieve the statesmen of Thailand, who had been chary of accepting offers from western powers, apparently had different views on the question of accommodation from Tokyo, as the recent loan of ten million bahts from Japan would show. This is a position hard to reconcile with Thailand's aspirations, and that again is just the position which Japan would like her to adopt, as political influence must necessarily follow in the wake of financial aid.

In support of this explanation is the recent inclination of Thailand to withdraw certain concessions which had been granted to foreign countries, (excepting Japan) thus closing the door to foreign exploitation in her territory and reserving the whole area within her boundaries to Thai industry and enterprise. Glaring cases in point are the restrictions imposed on the British and American oil and tobacco companies in Bangkok, which virtually strangled their trade and made room for Thai products of both oil and tobacco in the Thailand markets. The oil is brought crude from Manchukuo and refined in Thailand, by Thai experts trained in America and Japan.

There is nevertheless strong ground for assuming that the Thais

themselves—especially those of the educated classes—have come under Japanese influence and that they are of the opinion that their country would stand to gain a great deal from the development of closer relations with Japan. This is very obvious from the general tone of the vernacular press. And Bangkok alone, boasts more daily newspapers than the County of London.

Here is an instance of the astuteness with which Japan has woven herself into the economic life of Thailand. The climatic and geographical conditions of Thailand are most favourable to the cultivation of cotton and rubber, and while the Thais and the Chinese neglected these, the Japanese were quick to seize the opportunity to explore the possibilities of cotton growing in Thailand, and thus make closer economic co-operation between the two countries. Japanese experts reported favourably, and to-day certain business interests in Osaka have started operations on a large scale in order to meet the requirements of the mother country.

### FUTURE PROGRESS

In the same way tin and rubber from Thailand now find an open market in Japan. Thailand has thus found a ready buyer, and in return has permitted Japanese to exploit the tin and rubber which she once opposed, namely foreign (in this case Japanese) assistance for exploitation. The inference is obvious.

For this change of attitude, even if it was done unconsciously, there is Thailand's side of the case to be heard. According to her officials she was unable to find a market for her cotton, tin, rubber and teak with the Western Powers. Britain, for example, had no reason whatsoever to assist Thailand in the development of these products, as her own colonies supplied her requirements to the full.

Thailand's mineral wealth, besides tin, is negligible. A little gold has been discovered, but not enough to attract mining interests. The only alternative left to the country was to look to a ready buyer in Japan, which she did, and by way of return Thailand has become a more important purchaser of Japanese goods, thus almost completely submitting to the economic exploitation of her territories by the politicians of Nippon.

Thailand's future progress, therefore, appears to be bound up with Japan and will apparently only be expedited as Japanese influence becomes increasingly established. The only fear at the moment is that Thailand's friendship with Japan, continued on these lines, will affect her politically, and that she may be compelled openly to accept Japan's advances—even to the extent of military collaboration. It is this danger that the Democratic front is now called upon to counter.

### ECONOMIC SPHERE

But the most vital aspect of Thailand's transition has been her economic development, and it is to this point that her statesmen have paid most attention, for it is a truism that the economic field must first be sown if a political harvest is to be reaped, and the country's armament programme and political aspirations are now only secondary to her economic plans. It is in this direction that Thailand has, during the passing years, slowly but firmly entrenched herself in the life of Thailand.

While Thailand is able, by her large exportation of rice, to remain in perfect solvency, foreign finances were needed to secure certain economic

**By DOUGLAS JANSZ**



For most people Thailand, formerly Siam, brings up pictures of elephants, Siamese twins and primitive temple dancing. But Thailand isn't a land of swords and other ancient weapons. It has modern anti-aircraft guns drawn by tractors as this photo shows. In the background are some of Bangkok's 300 Buddhist temples.



## V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!!

These inspiring "V for Victory" verses were composed by Mrs. Garnet Malley, of Sydney, recently returned from China, who is at present in Melbourne. The verse and the first and last refrain are set to spirited march-time music in the key of C.

V — stands for VICTORY — to cause the Nazis' fall.  
"Fight For the Right!" — is the Nation's battle call;  
If we want our Liberty and Freedom to remain;  
We must keep on singing this stirring new refrain —

V — for VICTORY — The Empire's world-wide ring;  
I — for Independence — To which we all must cling;  
C — stands for Confidence — In the leaders of our land;  
T — for Tenacity — The "British Bulldog" brand;  
O — for Old England — The land that gave the breed;  
R — for our Royal Family — So loyal in word and deed; — and  
Y — stands for You! — who can ward off all we fear,  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" — and Save All Life Holds Dear.

V — for VANQUISH! — Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
I — for Inspiration — In this grim tug-of-war.  
C — stands for "China Up!" — When we go to face the call.  
T — for Teamwork! — Divided we shall fail.  
O — for those Overseas! — Our heroes of renown,  
R — for our Religion! — We must not let them down! — But  
Y — stands for You! — who can stem the tide of war! —  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" you will Keep Strife from Our Shore.

V — for the VALIANT! — who fell for Freedom's Sake.  
I — for our high Ideals! — (Great sacrifice we make)  
C — for the Cross of Faith! — for those bowed down with care;  
T — for our Thankfulness... For the strength to bear.  
O — for Our Honour! — Without — Nothing can succeed;  
R — for our Religion! — In this dark hour of need; — But  
Y — stands for You! — You can do your bit this way, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" you Help Britain Win the Day!

V — for our VETERANS! — Who bore the flag before!  
I — for Inheritance! — of their fearlessness in war.  
C — for Comradeship! — and the high morale it gives.  
T — for The Unknown Warrior! — His spirit ever lives!  
O — for the Ones at Home! — Who hold the home forts here!  
R — for the Red Cross! — Whose noble deeds we cheer! — But  
Y — stands for You! — And for You, and You, and You, for  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" — You do Your Duty Too.

V — for VANGUARD! — Let our trumpets blast and blare!  
I — for Irrepressible! — Loud cheering strikes the air!  
C — for Comradeship! — Fighting side by side;  
T — for "Thumbs Up!" boys! — Their bravery is our pride.  
O — for all the Others! — the nation's workers, too,  
R — for our Royal Banner! — the true Red, White, and Blue! — But  
Y — stands for You! — So come and "Pull Your Weight!" —  
By singing "V for VICTORY!" — Before it is Too Late!

V — for VICTORIOUS! — We never shall be slaves!  
I — for Invincible! — "Britain Rules the Waves!"  
C — for Courageous! — Our army death defies!  
T — for Triumph! — Our RAF shall rule the skies!  
O — for Our Victory! — With our "Will to Win" campaign!  
R — for Real Rejoicing! — When our boys come home again! — But  
Y — stands for You! — So Let Your Voice Ring Clear! —  
Sing "VICTORY!" Sing "VICTORY!" — and Save All Life Holds Dear!

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PHYLLIS GARNET-MALLEY.

## President Receives Congress Key Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — President Roosevelt today summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lend-Lease appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lend-Lease appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned only casually.

**Connally's Comment**  
The President gave the complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lend-Lease appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."

## U. S. GOODS IN CHINA

Data At Consulates

TIENSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as furs, bristles, etc. to the American Consulates. Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit — some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

## U. S. Increases Her Imports

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP). — The Department of Commerce today announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,504,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

## Short Shift For Johore Japanese

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — Japanese living in the large defence area in the southeast corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days. It is believed that more than 80 persons are concerned, most of them being rubber estate proprietors and mine-owners.

## Latest Nazi Claims

## Continued Drive Into Ukraine

Reach Dnieper River

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP). —

The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate.

Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolayev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Kirovograd area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe alone has destroyed a total of 90 Soviet planes.

**Trying To Escape**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP). — Radio

Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encircled at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilation by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops and about to leave when hit by bombs and set afire.

**New Area of Operations**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP). — Competent German quarters to-day claimed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war materials in that area.

It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

**Dnieper Reached**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The

Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units, who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearwards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Kirovograd had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city — of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

**Nazis Gain Confidence**

The spokesman added: "The Soviets are losing their resistance but one day they will no longer be able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

The official German news agency also reports that the "remnants" of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolayev area yesterday. The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made a last stand along a railway embankment, which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

**Hungarian Claim**

The report makes no mention of any Russian prisoners being taken but a Hungarian claim issued in the communiqué to-night refers to several thousand prisoners and considerable booty from the battle ground of Nikolayev.

The communiqué says: "Since the fighting on August 8, our troops advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take-part with the German forces in the battle for Nikolayev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

**WAR WORK FOR WOMEN**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). —

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and choice of occupation will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Asquith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, announcing in London to-day a firmer policy regarding women in war work. All women up to 30 would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women, transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services she would be told that she must go into one of the limited number of occupations which included nursing and domestic work in hospitals, work on aircraft and tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, the land army, service canteens and ordnance factories.

## MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

Much Material Landed

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — After a 24-hour delay due to a typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops, reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon this morning.

Material is at the moment taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders, presumably destined for construction of barracks in Cambodia where the accommodation is reported to be insufficient, was landed.

There has been no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must presumably pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

**Boundary Commission**  
SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations to-day in Saigon but the meetings were postponed.

It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.

**Minor Problems**

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — "Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding the Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

He stated to-day that he will shortly discuss these problems which include the allotment of defensive "zones" between the Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General.

## NAZI MOVE FROM ESTONIA

Summary Of Fronts

MILITARY COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The

latest reports indicate that a new German thrust is developing north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad. It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted, from the costly attempt to smash through which were features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the northwest and Byelaya-Tserkov in the southeast.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to the southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper River.

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force the Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance would be a venturesome proposition. It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tired troops against the central sectors in the hope that these sectors will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Budenny. But such speculation is pure guesswork.

**Nazis Claim Advance**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — According to a Stockholm message to Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined the forces to the north.

The Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-miles wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.

**STOCK EXCHANGE**

Investment Demand

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). —

The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrial shares of the Govt. securities call-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among the industrials, Courtaulds, Woolworth and breweries recorded useful gains while shipping shares went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for rises among speculative Kafir favourites. South American rails continued to be firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.

## Christmas Parcels For War Prisoners

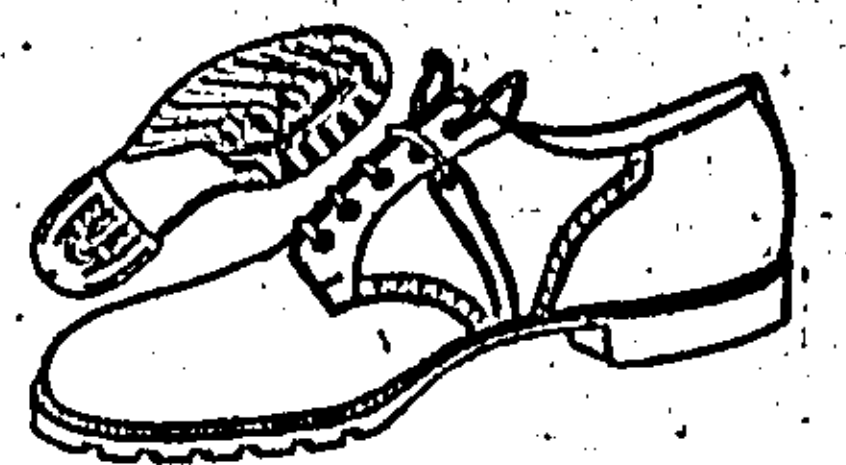
LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — The

Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, to-day visited the main London packing centre of food parcels for British prisoners of war and saw Christmas parcels being wrapped and dispatched. Each of the 72,000 parcels contains pudding, a double ration of chocolate, biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, marmalade, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beef steak and tomato and Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings and contain greeting cards from the British Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter). — President Roosevelt has aimed a Dill exempting men over 38 from military service.

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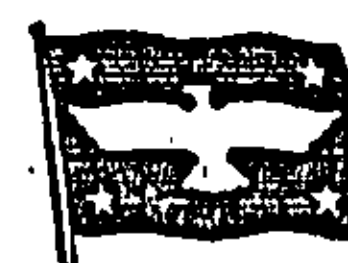
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## "Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

# U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong



## Weak Infield Fails Moundsman Powlowski

Mindanao Tars Batter South China 15-7

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgins' Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

### Weekend Stars

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and issuing one free pass; latter led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the pan with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chinn, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouted a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with another starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for a double and single.

Mack McKenzie and Greasy Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrific M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the pan with four runs; latter climaxed a heavy-clouting weekend with a perfect day at bat slugging out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove two more.

Gerry Gosano and Zinho Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played peppery ball at the keystone sack and smashed out a pair of highlighted doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crooner Ruel, hard-hitting all-round infielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, free admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul ball.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting "Sliders" to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes, but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORTUGAL'S defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nations confab formerly held in Geneva.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the ball mob with a combined "Nick Altrock-Al Shacht" act, all in one, when right fielder Red the Rover, Soares made a big go in his first try at the intricacies of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a few fast tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as bean-labelled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

Harrier Gerry Gosano weakened temporarily in the 4th stanza, TURN to Page 2, Column Three

### Heats For Inter-School Events At V.R.C.

FIRST HEATS for the Inter-Schools swimming meet to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday were held at the V.R.C. yesterday. Remaining heats will take place this evening at 7.07 p.m.

Yesterday's results were:

Senior boys 100 yards—Heat 1-1, J. Gomes (La Salle) and Wm. Teo (St. Stephen's), dead heat, Time 62. Heat 2-1, Donald Young (St. Joseph's), 2, Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's), 3, G. Rosset (Diocesan), Time 69 1/2.

Senior boys 100 yards breast-stroke—Heat 1-1, Kwong Chiu-shung (La Salle), 2, Lee Cheuk-lam (Ran Wai), Time 62. Heat 2-1, Chan Koon-tan (St. Joseph's), 2, Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle), 3, G. Wong (La Salle), Time 66.

Senior boys 100 yards back stroke—Heat 1-1, A. V. Lopes (La Salle), 2, Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's), 3, Ip Tim-yue (St. Stephen's), Time 70 1/2. Heat 2-1, J. Gomes (La Salle), 2, Yvonne Sion-lay (St. Stephen's), Time 71 1/2. Heat 3-1, Ng Shiu-hoo (St. Stephen's), 2, J. Anderson Jr (St. Joseph's).

Junior boys 50 yards—Heat 1-1, K. Thomas (St. Stephen's), 2, W. Ribeiro (La Salle), 3, A. Blarques (La Salle), Time 23 2/3. Heat 2-1, Wong Peng-ku, (St. Stephen's), 2, Chen Yen-twee, (St. Stephen's), Time 27 1/2.

SLIDING HOME. Tony Muscavage, U. S. Navy catcher, waiting for the ball at the plate, while George Sousa, Hongkong All Stars, commences a slide through his legs to reach the slab.

At third base in the Chung Hwa-R. Engineers' game, For Loong, Chung Hwa, took a dive for third and made it by a matter of inches before Blondie Taylor, Snappers, came in to tag. — Ming Yuen.



RINGING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each break in stride, slushed through with three big tallies in the last of the initial frame after Uncle Sam's seam-men had gone one up, on Crooner Ruel's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Star tally on a wild heave. Showboat Ali, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this canto on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with a Navy tally in the 2nd stanza, but the Colonyites added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild throw by the bewildered R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano winging toward the pan.

The big-break came in the 5th inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th.

George Sousa again doubled to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, relayed from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starchy Sousa scampering across the plate.

### Answer To Problem

The scorer was wrong. The batsman was entitled to a sacrifice hit in any case, if he advanced the runner, because he sacrificed his chance to make a base hit to do so. In such cases it is proper to score a sacrifice hit and an error on the same play, if, in the scorer's judgment, the ball beat the runner to the second base, the second baseman should be charged with an error, but that does not eliminate the sacrifice hit.

### Lawn Bowls

#### Open Pairs Results

TWO MATCHES in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship were played yesterday, the first at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club resulting in an overwhelming win by 34-13 for W. B. Harris and A. Soutar over A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, and the second at the Cranford Bowling Club, a very narrow 19-17 victory for N. J. Bebbington and J. McGowan over W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen.

## League Seeks Compromise With London Soccer Clubs

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks it will mean a busy week for the officials, as following to-day's meeting they agreed that the Football League President, Mr W. C. Cuff, and Mr W. J. Cearnis meet the London Clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start in eight days.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed a League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole sixteen thereupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the cease moves.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the fiercest of discussions on the difficulties took place.

#### Alternative Proposal

THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating that he suggested that the addition of other Clubs should be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half, teams would be asked to make their own arrangements, when the first ten ranking matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be reinstated.

The adoption of these proposals

### Basketball

#### V. R. C. NARROWLY BEATEN BY CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

Two basketball matches in the Wu Teh-chen Cup tournament at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon yesterday resulted as expected, when Wah Kiu overwhelmed Trojans 64-32 and Y.M.C.A. beat Victoria Recreation Club 51-43. Wah Kiu outplayed Trojans in every department and led throughout.

Y.M.C.A. were badly out of form and V.R.C. threatened them with defeat. Although strong in their composure, they needed a polishing up in their shooting before they have a chance.

In order that the matter can be placed in detail before the London Clubs, Mr Cuff and Mr Cearnis have consented to meet the Londoners when a more detailed explanation of the compromise can be given.



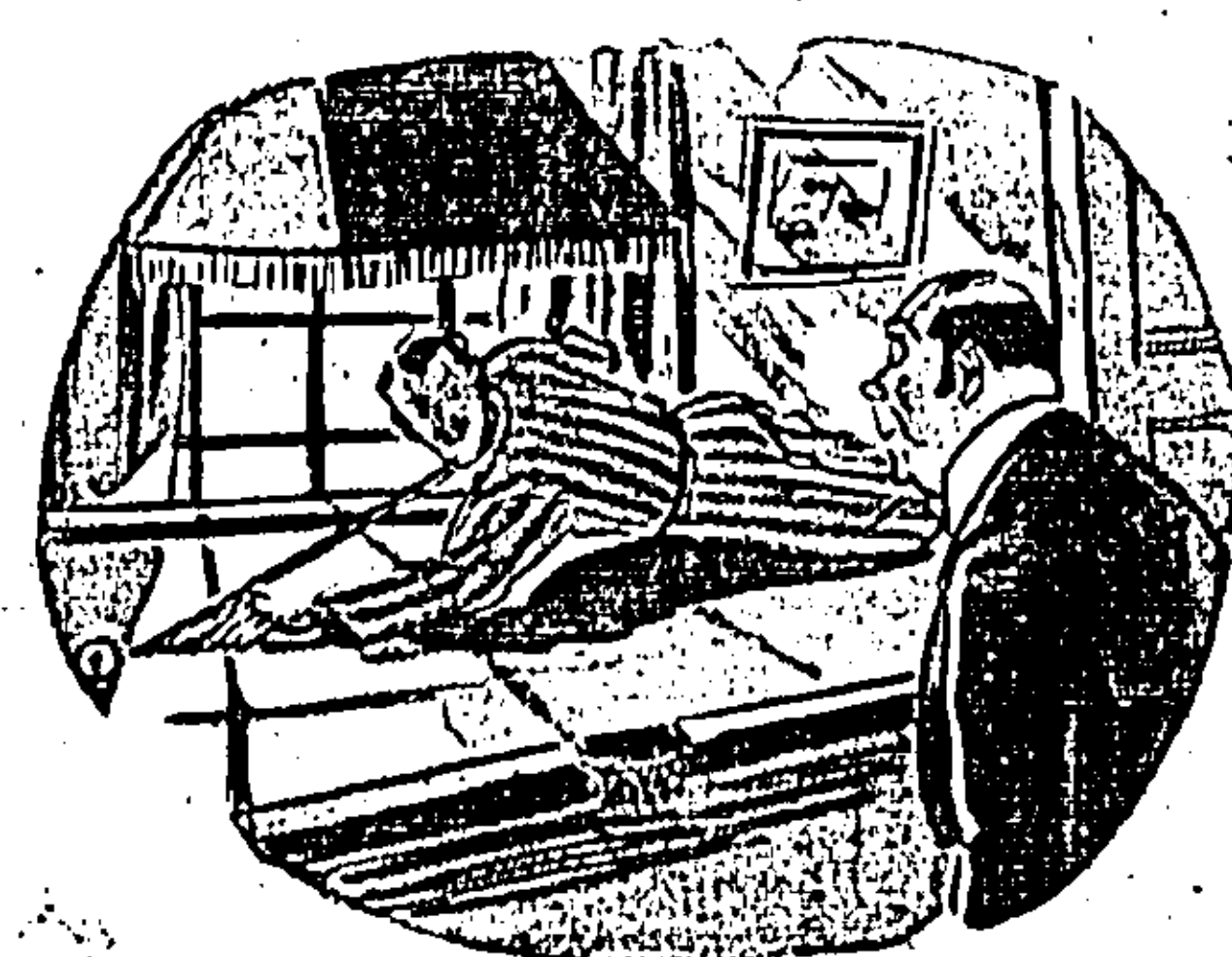
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"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."

"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

"Yes, Sir. Keeping your eye in, Sir."

"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."

"Parrot, Sir?"

"Or a rookaroo. In spite of a rather late session, my eye is clear and my hand steady—just watch me go in off the white—there you are—what did I tell you?"

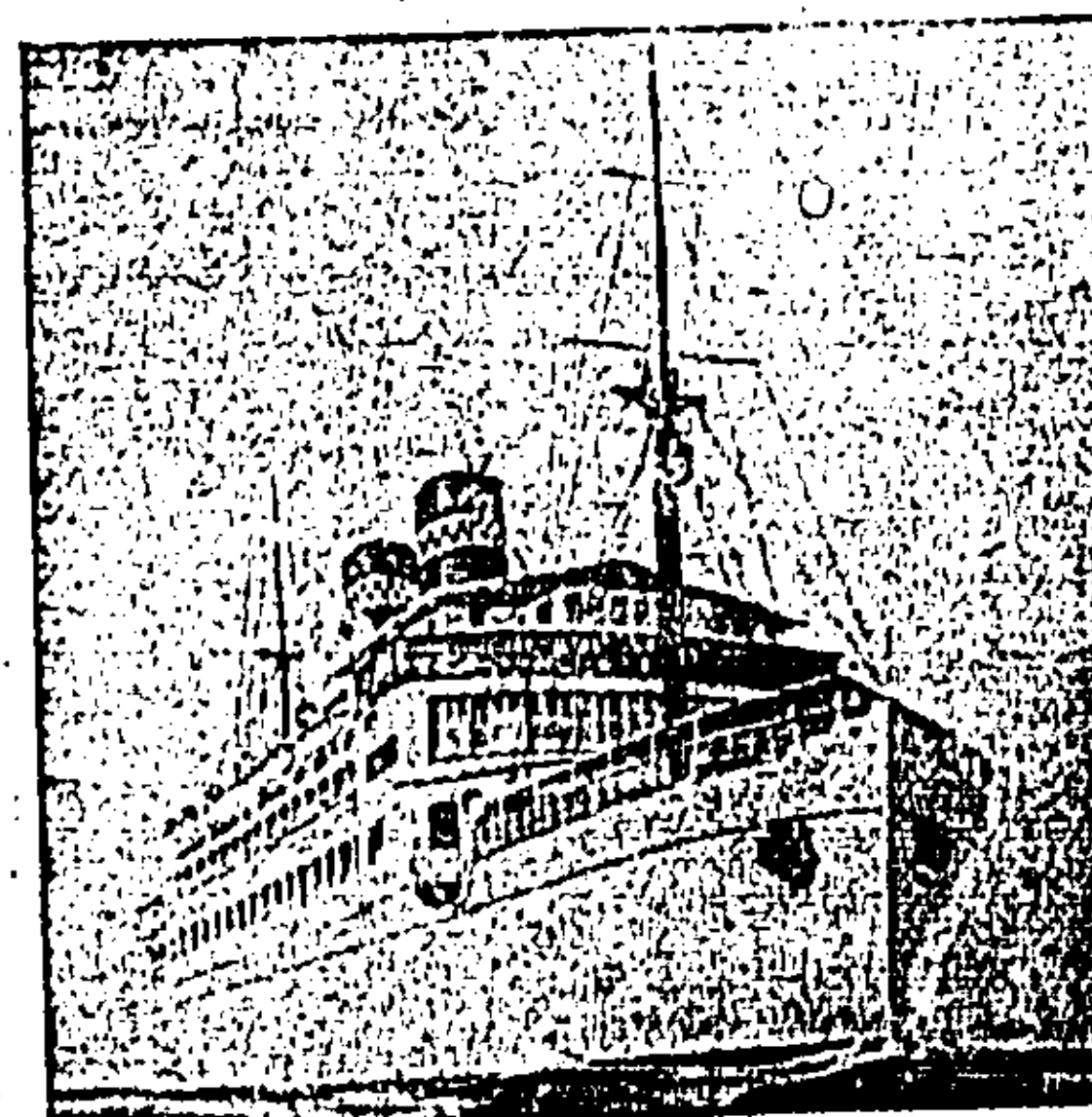
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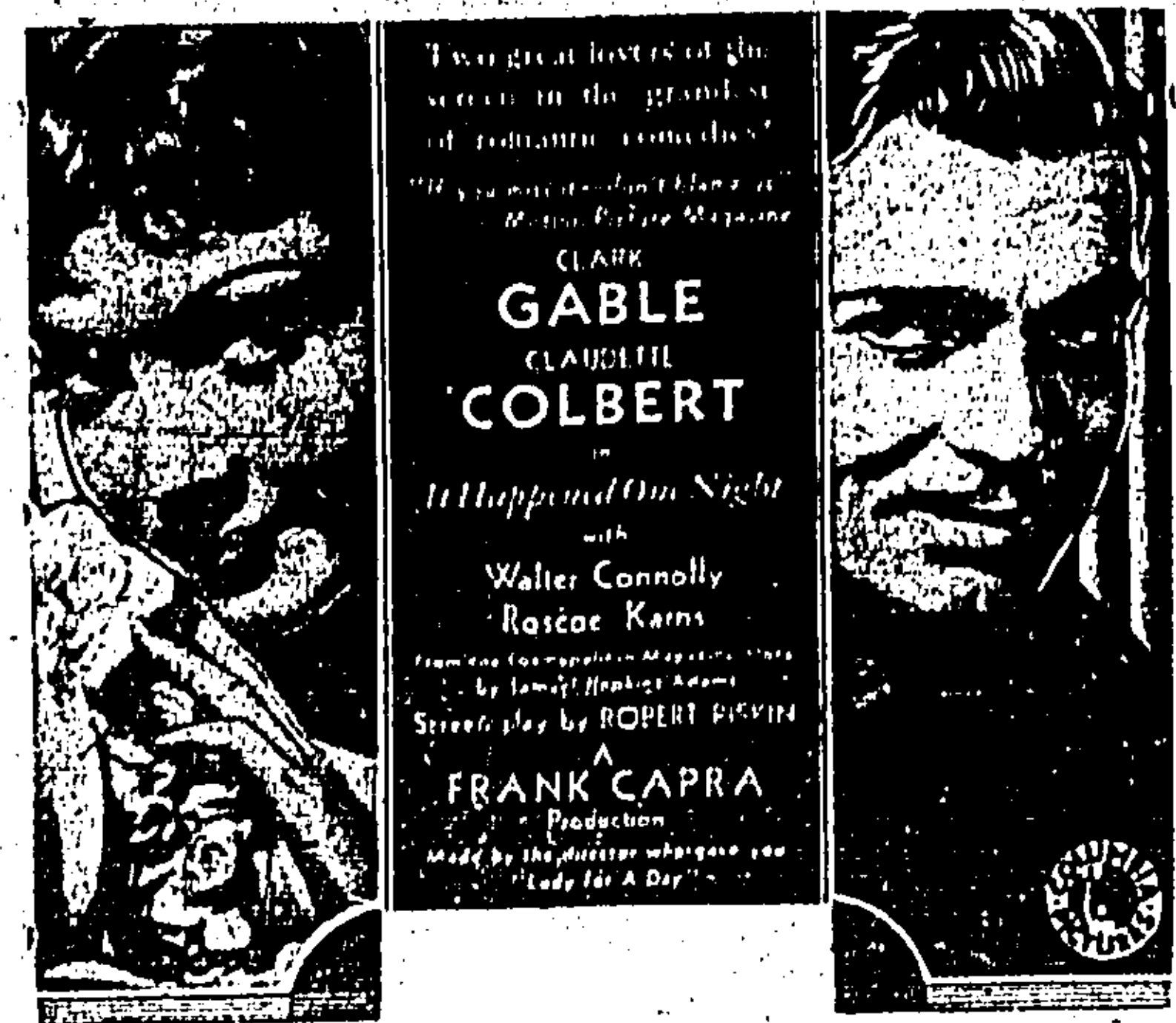






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## American "Hostages" In Japan Evoke Protest

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office to-day protested against the insinuation made by the United States Department of State last Saturday that one hundred Americans who are at present unable to leave Japan are being held as "hostages."

**No Explanation**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—At the midday press conference to-day, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that Japan has thus far given no satisfactory explanation of her refusal to allow American citizens to leave the country.

**Great Secs Toyoda**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Counsellor of the United States Embassy, Mr. Eugene Dooman held a lengthy conference with the Japanese Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Eli Amano to-day prior to the conference between Ambassador Joseph Grew and Foreign Minister Admiral Toyoda and he returned to the Foreign Office while Mr. Grew was apparently still conferring with Admiral Toyoda two hours after the conference started at 4 p.m.

The significance or the subject of the talks have not been disclosed but obviously they were questions of the utmost importance. It is reliably stated that Mr. Hull's evasive statement is being seriously studied by the Japanese Foreign Office.

### A Soldier's Oral Will Sufficient

A soldier's oral will is legal, a Probate Court judge has decided. The judge granted letters of administration to Mrs. Peggy Spark. Her husband, John King Spark, 23, died of injuries in a raid on England.

Evidence was given that on Aug. 5 last year, Spark told a comrade: "I wish my wife to have all I've got in case I get killed."

### KING DRIVES A NEW TANK

The King recently drove a tank for the first time. It was one of Britain's new types. Donning a white overall, His Majesty took the tank round the field and afterwards commented on the ease of handling the big, heavy vehicle. He said he was surprised to find how comfortable was his ride.

## LATE NEWS

### Strategical But Not Decisive Gains

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Suddenness is not likely to be falling back to the line of the Dnieper because it is the next obstacle to defend but because he is not yet ready to deliver the counter-attack which will drive back and destroy his enemy.

A counter-attack of the scale necessary to achieve that much to be desired object may not be ready for some weeks, perhaps some months, or quite possibly not until after the Germans have been exposed to all the rigours of a winter campaign in Russia while Europe is rising in revolt behind them.

We cannot at present fix a date for such a stroke but it may be taken for granted that such is being contemplated and prepared.

### Expectancy In Singapore

FROM PAGE ONE

and men of famous English and Scottish regiments, as well as Malay soldiers. There is also the increasing feeling that the Thais will not timidly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it."

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio, commenting on British Ambassador Sir Josiah Crosby's statement to "Reuters" that the British Government have not presented any demands to Thailand, said that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed the Thai attitude to the same effect.

A traveller, who recently arrived from Thailand, expressed the view to "Reuters" that war in the Far East was "inevitable."

The question was whether it would come in a matter of days through the Thais willing under the Japanese war of nerves and allowing passage of Japanese troops.

The question was also whether the Japanese would be content to wait until they had accumulated enough strength on the Thai-Indo-China frontier to accomplish their ends by military means.

### Week-End Blitz On Syracuse

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aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey.

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse yesterday and destroyed one Cant Z-50B and severely damaged a number of others."

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolcheff and Debarech and obtained hits on the forts' buildings and trenches."

"All aircraft returned safely from these operations."

### French Consul's Conscience

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuters).—The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.

## Japan Tries To Assume Role Of Injured Party

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, August 19 (Domei).—Virtually all Metropolitan papers editorially commenting on the increasing collaboration among Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, urge the Government to be particularly watchful of the Anglo-American attempt to make Vladivostok another Singapore for the purpose of completing encirclement of Japan.

Vladivostok is going to be another base for the ABCD countries to complete the encirclement of Japan as the result of the Roosevelt-Churchill talks, the "Kokumin Shimbun" says.

"We do not yet know to what extent Russia will co-operate with Britain and the United States in practical moves, but the Japanese Government and people must watch the rapprochement of the three countries and prepare for the worst."

United States war materials reaching Vladivostok can be utilised against Japan. Dispatch of American war materials to the Siberian port through Japan's back door cannot leave the Japanese national sentiment unstirred.

### Arms To Vladivostok

The "Chugai Shogyo" indicates the possibility that the United States will send aid to the Soviet via Vladivostok for the purpose of strengthening the Soviet Far Eastern Army. The paper asserts that Britain and the United States may be hoping for a trouble to break out between the Soviet Union and Japan but it is doubtful whether Russia in the present plight dare to risk a conflict with Japan.

If the report is true that an American tanker with aviation gasoline was sent to Vladivostok, the "Hochi Shimbun" declares that it means that the United States is not only disregarding Japan's position in the West Pacific but also endeavouring to aggravate further Japanese-American relations.

"There is no doubt that Churchill and Roosevelt discussed anti-Japanese measures in view of the British action in forcing a total export embargo on Japan and extending a £10,000,000 credit to Russia."

### Friends And Enemies

"While Britain and the United States may believe that they can strangle Japan economically it may be interesting to note that Japan as well as the Japanese people are always prepared to cope with such measures for they are now aware who are their friends and who are their enemies."

The "Nichiichi" commenting on the Roosevelt-Churchill talks declares that as long as Britain and the United States do not reject Japanese aims of policy, the three Powers can move along parallel paths; but if Britain and the United States are determined to obstruct Japan at every turn, the latter will only be forced to surmount such obstructions by force.

## Churchill's Thrilling Trip

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many hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic with all dangerous U-boat infested waters to go through—but it was a challenge that was never taken up.

### Keeping Rendezvous

It was a glorious afternoon that we sailed out of a naval base, to keep rendezvous with the Prince of Wales somewhere in the North Atlantic, and at that time none but the Captain of the ship knew the importance of the task ahead.

One early morning, some days after leaving the naval base, we sighted a smudge on the horizon and as we approached we could see the immense outline of a giant battleship, flanked on both sides by Canadian destroyers. The great ship was truly a noble sight plunging through the Atlantic swell, throwing up great clouds of white spray as she dipped her bows to the waves.

We approached from head on and as we swooped to take up our position there was a sudden flurry of destroyers all round the battleship. In a very few minutes we had taken our position and were zig-zagging with other warships.

During the afternoon, Catalina flying-boats patrolled the air over us, and one of them reported a large convoy fifty or sixty miles ahead bound for Britain.

### Convoy Sighted

The Prime Minister had never seen a large convoy at sea, so with very little alteration of course we made toward them.

After two or three hours we could see the convoy on the horizon, and it was an incredible sight. As far as the eye could see there were ships, freighters, supply ships, big ships and little ships, ships of every conceivable sort and all loaded to the waterline.

They were ranged in lines—over eight miles of ships. Around them hurried their escort of corvettes and former American destroyers keeping stragglers in line and always ready for the possible approach of danger. We steamed straight towards them and then passed right through the middle of the convoy. Each of the "W" ships' escorts chose its position among the ships, and as we dashed through the lines of merchantmen we could see that they realised who it was paying them this novel visit, and we saw men running to hoist the "W" signal in flags while others stood on deck cheering and waving.

### A Proud Sight

The Prince of Wales was a proud sight. She had cocked all her great 14-inch guns to their highest levels, and if Mr Churchill was thrilled, it was nothing to the excitement among the vessels of the convoy. We steamed on for perhaps two miles ahead of the convoy, and then the Prince of Wales and her escort turned round and once more we all went through the line of plunging ships. If there had been enthusiasm before, it was nothing to what greeted us the second time. Every merchantman had had time to hoist flags and the crews lined the railings waving their hats and shouting.

We wished them "God Speed" and then resumed our original course which was to bring us to Iceland. We steamed one day in Iceland, during which the Prime Minister reviewed British and American troops and that evening we sailed again for a British port.

### Practice Shoot

Earlier in the day in which we met a convoy, the Prince of Wales carried out a practice shoot with her anti-aircraft guns, watched by the Prime Minister and his party. She first fired a smoke shell, which exploded into a compact ball of smoke high in the sky and using this as a target she let loose with her guns and plinkered the area round the bank of smoke with exploding shells.

This was followed by a barrage of fire, using every anti-aircraft gun aboard. The battleship's sides seemed to be constantly flaming, so great was the rate of fire and the air all round her was black with exploding projectiles.

It seemed unbelievable that one ship could put up so devastating a barrage.

Of the journey from Iceland to Britain there was nothing to tell. With her escorts screening her, the Prince of Wales, plunging ahead at speed, reached home safely after a most astounding trans-Atlantic voyage.

### Churchill Happy

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Mr Churchill's party has departed from a British port by special train presumably for London.

The people cheered and shouted, "Best of luck," Mr Churchill smiled and waved his peaked hat and appeared to be very happy.

## LATEST SOVIET REPORTS

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ago and spent the day machine tooling.

### Midnight Communique

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (Reuters).—The Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau stated:

"On August 18, our troops continued fierce fighting with the enemy along the entire front. After stubborn fighting, our troops evacuated the town of Kingisepp (due east of Narva and southwest of Leningrad)."

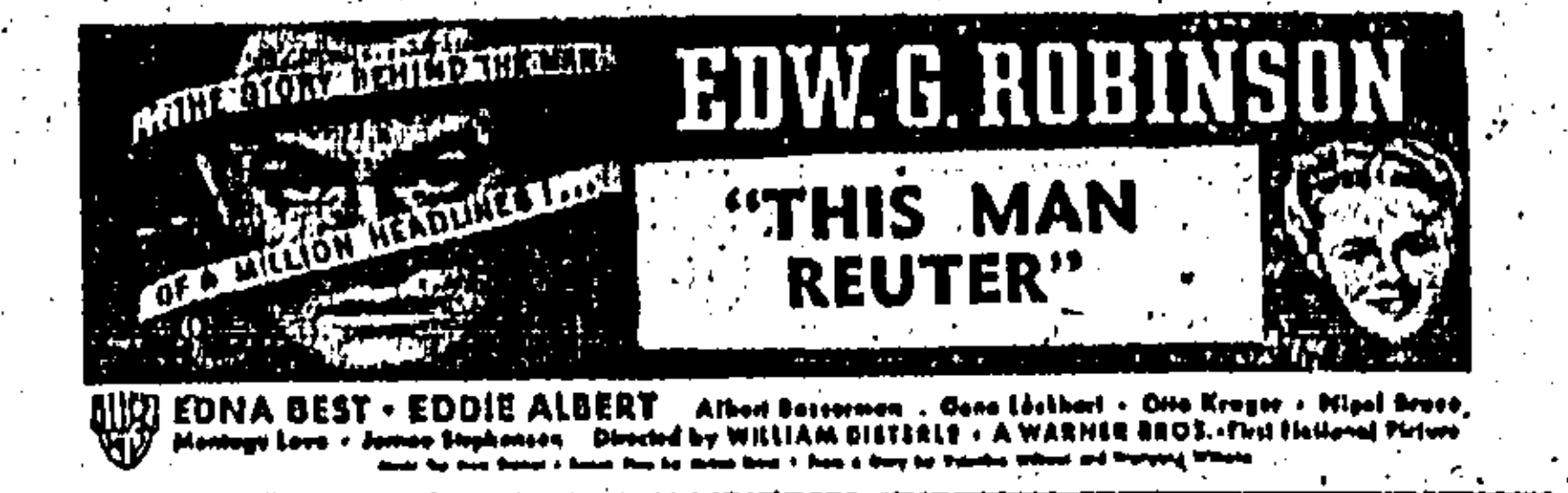
"During August 17, 22 German planes were brought down in air combats. We lost 18 planes."

"According to precise data now available in the course of air combats on August 10, 25 German planes were brought down, not 19 as previously reported."

"In the Baltic Sea, our torpedo-boats sank a German submarine and two enemy transports."

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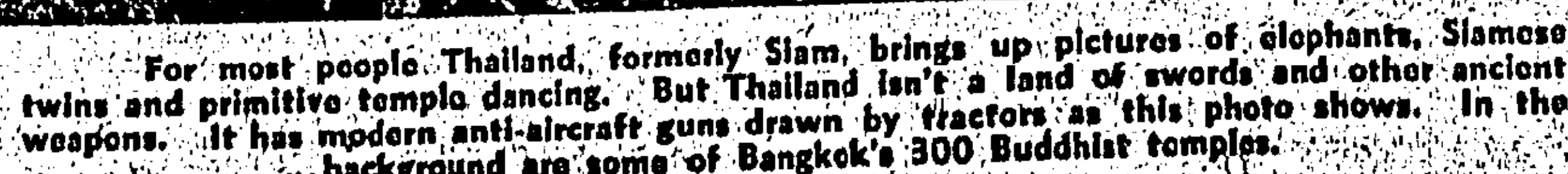














## V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!!

These inspiring "V for Victory" verses were composed by Mrs. Garnet Malley, of Sydney, recently returned from China, who is at present in Melbourne. The verse and the first and last refrain are set to spirited march-time music in the key of C.

**V**—stands for **VICTORY**—to cause the Nazis fall.  
**F**ight for the Right!—is the Nation's clarion call;  
**I**f we want our Liberty and Freedom to remain,  
 We must keep on singing this stirring new refrain—  
**V**—for **VICTORY**—The Empire's world-wide ring;  
**I**—for Independence—To which we all must cling;  
**C**—stands for Confidence—in the leaders of our land;  
**T**—for Tenacity—the "British Bulldog" brand!  
**O**—for Old England—The land that gave the breed,  
**R**—for our Royal Family—So loyal in word and deed;—and  
**Y**—stands for Youth—who can ward off all we fear,  
 By singing "V for VICTORY!"—and Save All Life Holds Dear.  
**V**—for **VANQUISH**—Hear our bombs and cannons roar!  
**I**—for Inspiration—in this grim tug-of-war.  
**C**—stands for "China Up!"—When sent to face the call.  
**T**—for Teamwork!—Divided we shall fall.  
**O**—for those Overseas!—Our heroes of renown,  
**R**—for Recruiting!—We must not let them down!—But  
**Y**—stands for Youth—who can stem the tide of war!  
 By singing "V for VICTORY!" you will keep strife from Our Shore.  
**V**—for the **VALLANT**—who tell for Freedom's sake,  
**I**—for our high Ideals!—(Great sacrifice we make).  
**C**—for the Cross of Faith!—for those bowed down with care!  
**T**—for our Thankfulness... For the strength to bear.  
**O**—for Our Honour!—Without—Nothing can succeed;  
**R**—for our Religion!—In this dark hour of need!—But  
**Y**—stands for Youth—who can do your bit this way, for  
 By singing "V for VICTORY!" you help Britain Win the Day!  
**V**—for our **VETERANS**—Who bore the flag before!  
**I**—for Inheritance!—of their fearlessness in war.  
**C**—for Comradeship!—and the high morale it gives,  
**T**—for The Unknown Warrior—His spirit ever lives!  
**O**—for the One at Home!—Who hold the home forts here!  
**R**—for the Red Cross!—Whose noble deeds we cheer!—But  
**Y**—stands for Youth!—And for You, and You, and You, for  
 By singing "V for VICTORY!"—You do Your Duty Too!  
**V**—for **VANGUARD**!—Let our trumpets blast and blare!  
**I**—for Irrepressible!—And cheering strikes the air!  
**C**—for Comradeship!—Fighting side by side;  
**T**—for "Thumbs Up!" boys!—Their bravery is our pride.  
**O**—for all the Others!—The true Red, White, and Blue!—But  
**Y**—stands for Youth!—So come and "Pull Your Weight!"  
 By singing "V for VICTORY!"—Before it is Too Late!  
**V**—for **VICTORIOUS**!—We never shall be slaves!  
**I**—for Invincible!—Britain Rises the Waves!  
**C**—for Courageous!—Our army death defies!  
**T**—for Triumph!—Our RAF shall rule the skies!  
**O**—for Onwards!—With our "Will to Win" campaign!  
**R**—for Real Rejoicing!—When our boys come home again!—But  
**Y**—stands for Youth!—So Let Your Voice Ring Clear!  
 Sing "VICTORY!" Sing "VICTORY!"—and Save All Life Holds Dear!

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PHYLLIS GARNET-MALLEY.

## President Receives Congress Key Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day summoned to the White House key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President, Mr. Henry Wallace, Senator Albin Barkley, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Walter F. George and Representative Sol Bloom.

They are expected in turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lease-Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" and the confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lease-Lend appropriation was discussed and that the Japanese situation was mentioned only casually.

**Connally's Comment.**  
 The President gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally (Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) after the meeting. "I do not believe that any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war," he said.

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease-Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 but declared, "By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."

## U. S. GOODS IN CHINA

Data At Consulates

TIENTSIN, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—American businessmen in North China are volunteering the fullest information regarding their respective holdings such as raw materials, etc. to the American Consulates.  
 Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly registration of data, and secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit—some of which have been lying in Kobe since May.

## U. S. Increases Her Imports

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day announced that American imports during the first six months of 1941 totalled \$1,504,000,000 or an increase of 23 per cent above the same period of 1940.

## Short Shift For Johore Japanese

SINGAPORE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Japanese living in the Johore area in the large defence corner of Johore have been given notice to leave within 14 days.  
 It is believed that more than 50 persons are concerned, most of them being rubber estate proprietors and mine-owners.

## Latest Nazi Claims Continued Drive Into Ukraine

Reach Dnieper River

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—

The German armies to-day continued their drive to capture the whole of Ukraine west of the Dnieper river, and to prevent Marshal Budenny from withdrawing his depleted forces across the river to form a new defence line.

Competent German quarters asserted that the main objective of the present German drive is to control the industrial areas along the lower Dnieper which the Germans are apparently anxious to secure before the possibility of a winter stalemate.

Informed German circles said that they did not know how much of the dockyards at Nikolayev the Soviets had succeeded in destroying prior to evacuation, but they claimed that the greater part of the mines in the Kovelovsk area had fallen into German hands undamaged as the Soviets had no time to wreck them.

It is also claimed that the Luftwaffe along the entire eastern front yesterday destroyed a total of 90 Soviet planes.

**Trying To Escape**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Radio

Berlin reports that the Soviet troops who are encircled at Odessa are desperately trying to escape annihilation by embarking on ships in the harbour. The German air force is constantly over the town relentlessly bombing the Soviet troops in the harbour area with heavy losses to the Soviets.

One transport ship was at the quay filled with troops and about to leave when hit by bombs and set afire.

**New Area of Operations**

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UP).—Competent German quarters to-day claim

ed that the Germans have created a new theatre of operations south-east of Smolensk where they had destroyed two divisions and taken 10,000 prisoners. The Germans, it is claimed, also captured great quantities of war materials in that area.

It is estimated that the Soviet casualties are probably at least 20,000 men.

**Dnieper Reached**

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The

Dnieper River was reached yesterday morning by German infantry units, who had made forced marches, according to the official German news agency, but no indication of the location is given.

The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river, preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

A Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin to-night said that the German troops from Krivoyok had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

**Nazis Gain Confidence**

The spokesman added: "The Soviets are tough in their resistance but one day they will no longer be able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that, despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

The official German news agency also reports that the "remnants" of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolayev area yesterday. The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made a last stand along a railway embankment, which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

**Hungarian Claim**

The report makes no mention of any Russian prisoners being taken but a Hungarian claim issued in the communiqué to-night refers to several thousand prisoners and considerable booty from the battle ground of Nikolayev.

The communiqué says: "Since the fighting on August 3, our troops advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with one German force in the battle around Nikolayev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

## WAR WORK FOR WOMEN

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and choice of occupation will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Asquith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, announcing in London to-day a firmer policy regarding women in war work.

All women up to 30 would be registered within the next few months and older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services, she would be told that she must go into one of a limited number of occupations which included nursing and domestic work in hospitals, work on aircraft and tank manufacture, and skilled engineering, the land army, service canteens and ordnance factories.

## MORE JAPANESE REACH SAIGON

Much Material Landed

SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—After a 24-hour delay due to a typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops, reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon this morning.

Material is at the moment taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders, presumably destined for construction of barracks in Cambodia where the accommodation is reported to be insufficient, was landed.

There has been no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must presumably pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

**Boundary Commission.**  
 SAIGON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations to-day in Saigon but the meetings were postponed.

It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.

**Minor Problems**

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding the Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

He stated to-day that he will shortly discuss these problems which include the allotment of defensive "zones" between the Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General.

**Chinese Flee To Burma**

KOBE, August 18 (Domei).—

Thinking that the Japanese move into French Indo-China is threatening their security, large numbers of Chinese residents in Thailand are pouring into Burma and 600 have already arrived in Rangoon, according to a Japanese traveller who was aboard a Japanese ship from Burma at present about 100 Japanese residents living in Rangoon.

## NAZI MOVE FROM ESTONIA

Summary of Fronts MILITARY COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The latest reports indicate that a new German thrust is developing north of Lake Pelpus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad. It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev too, conditions are more or less static and movement—have been stationary at Korosten in the northwest and Byelaya-Tserkov in the southeast.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to the southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper River.

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force the Dnieper with a view to the threatening movement with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance would be a venturesome proposition. It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tried troops against the central sectors in the hope that these sectors will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Budenny. But such speculation is pure guesswork.

**Nazis Claim Advance**  
 LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—According to a Stockholm message to the Italian news agency quoted by Home Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of Lake Pelpus on the Estonian frontier have joined the forces to the north.

The Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-miles wide neck of land between Lake Pelpus and the Baltic.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

Investment Demand

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and lending industrials arising out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among the industrials, Courtalds, Woolworth and breweries recorded useful gains while shipping shares went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for rises among speculative Kafir favourites.

South American rails continued to be firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.

## French Consul's Conscience

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—The French Consul here has resigned stating that he could not represent a government which is now under German domination.

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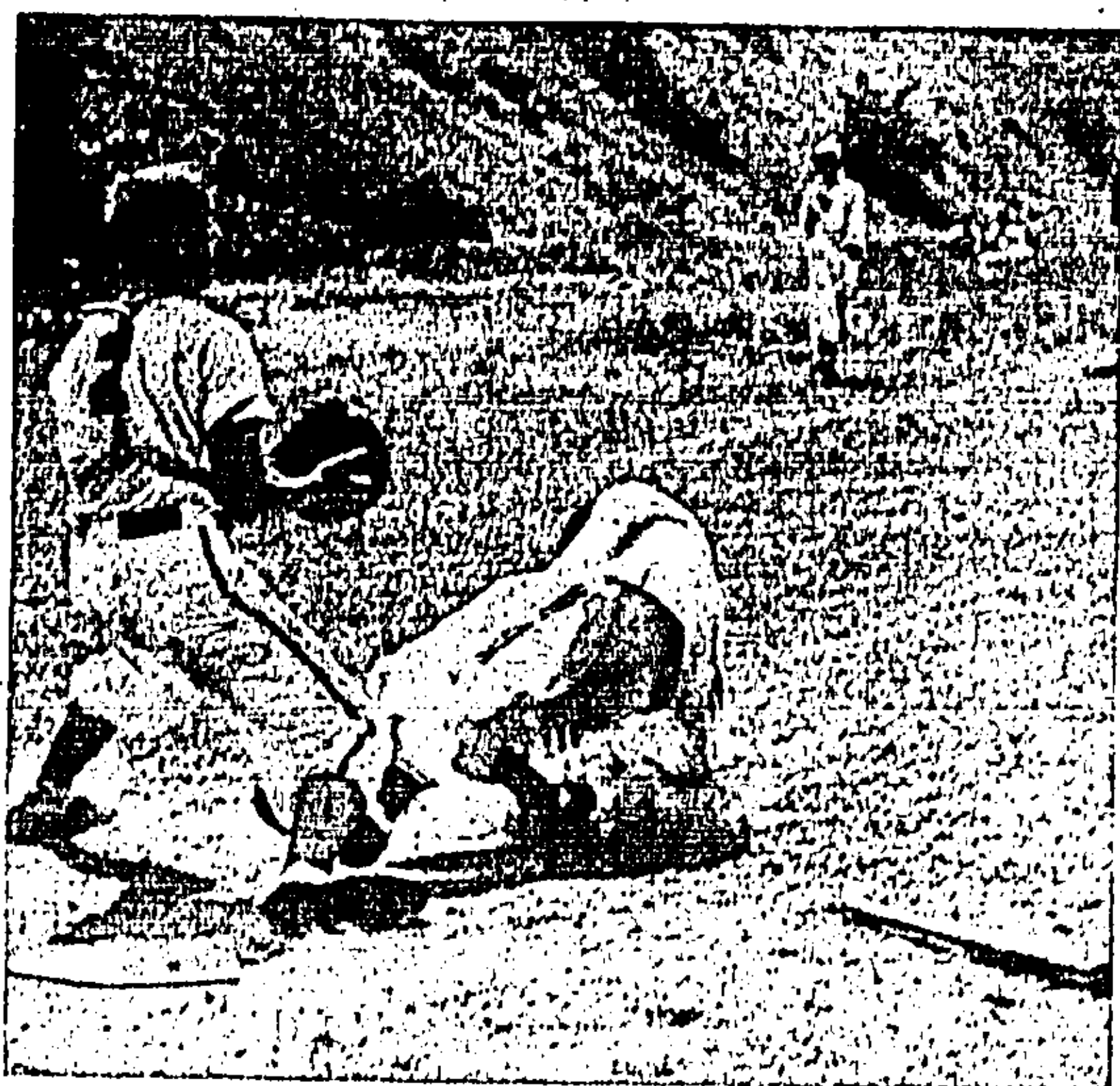
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## "Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

# U.S. Navy One Down To Hongkong



## Weak Infield Fails Moundsman Powlowski

Mindanao Tars Batter South China 15-7

In the torrid baseball setting over the weekend, the local loop moguls checked through with a full house programme, the first since the early days of summer, as four games provided ball fans with highlighted entertainment.

The initial post season charity game gave the rabid crowd a real big thrill when Hongkong's All-Stars went one up, eking out a close 5-4 win over the U.S. Navy. Portugal's starry rough riders flashed through their miniature All-Nation classic to enter the next bracket with an overwhelming 17-9 victory as Pinky Higgin's Maple Leafs hit the dirt with a loud bang.

### Weekend Stars

Wally Ching and George Sousa, All-Stars—Former hurtled his first brilliant game of the season, holding the strong U.S. Navy team to nine scattered hits, whiffing four and issuing one free pass; latter led the All-Stars in their close win, at the plate, sizzling out a double and a single, and crossing the plate with two tallies.

Bill Chang and Baby Chinn, Chung Hwa Maroons—Former clouded a triple and a brace of singles, and came home with two runs to lead a determined Maroon win; latter came through with another starry game in his second appearance at the Chatham Road ball park this year, connecting for a double and single.

Mack McKenzie and Greasy Moore, Mindanao—Former finished off his third game in a Terrific M uniform with a powerful slugging show, ramming out a triple, double and two singles, and crossed the plate with four runs; latter climaxed a heavy-cloutng weekend with a perfect day at bat slugging out two doubles, two singles, crossed the plate with two runs and drove in two more.

Gerry Gosano and Zinho Gosano, Portugal—Former hurled winning ball for the International Series champions in their first round fray, and also marked up five runs in the Portuguese win; latter played peppery ball at the keystone sack and smashed out a pair of highlighted doubles in the big win.

with the precious tally and the old ball game.

Crozier Ruel, hard-hitting all-round infielder with the league champions, who has been starring at the initial sack, the past few weeks, took a nasty fall into that treacherous ditch by the open air, free admission bleachers on the roadway, when making a big try for Gerry Gosano's foul ball.

All the American errors were chalked up by a wobbly infield that played terrible ball in this first major post season exhibition. It was a tough game for the high-shooting "Slider" to lose. Limiting the All-Stars to five blows and whiffing three, the ace twirler issued no free passes, but it was just not in the books for him to come through.

PORTUGAL'S defending International Series Champions opened up in defence of their title, with a high-scoring 17-9 triumph over the weak Maple Leaf Canadians.

The North American entry, representing that broad expanse of rich fertile land from the breezy shores of the blue Pacific to the turbulent coastline by the Atlantic, turned up at the ball park with a lineup that read like the League of Nations confab formerly held in Geneva.

The Maple Leafs sprang a fast one on the ball mob with a combined "Nick Albrook-Al Sheeh" act, all in one when right fielder Red the Rover, Soares made a big go in his first try at the intrigues of baseball.

The heavy set Red did a few fast tumbling acts up at the platter, to the merriment of the wise guys, as beam-labelled balls went whizzing by "up there."

Portugal gushed through with tallies in every inning, aided by seventeen (count 'em) Canadian errors.

Hurler Gerry Gosano weakened temporarily in the 4th stanza. TURN to Page 7, Column Five



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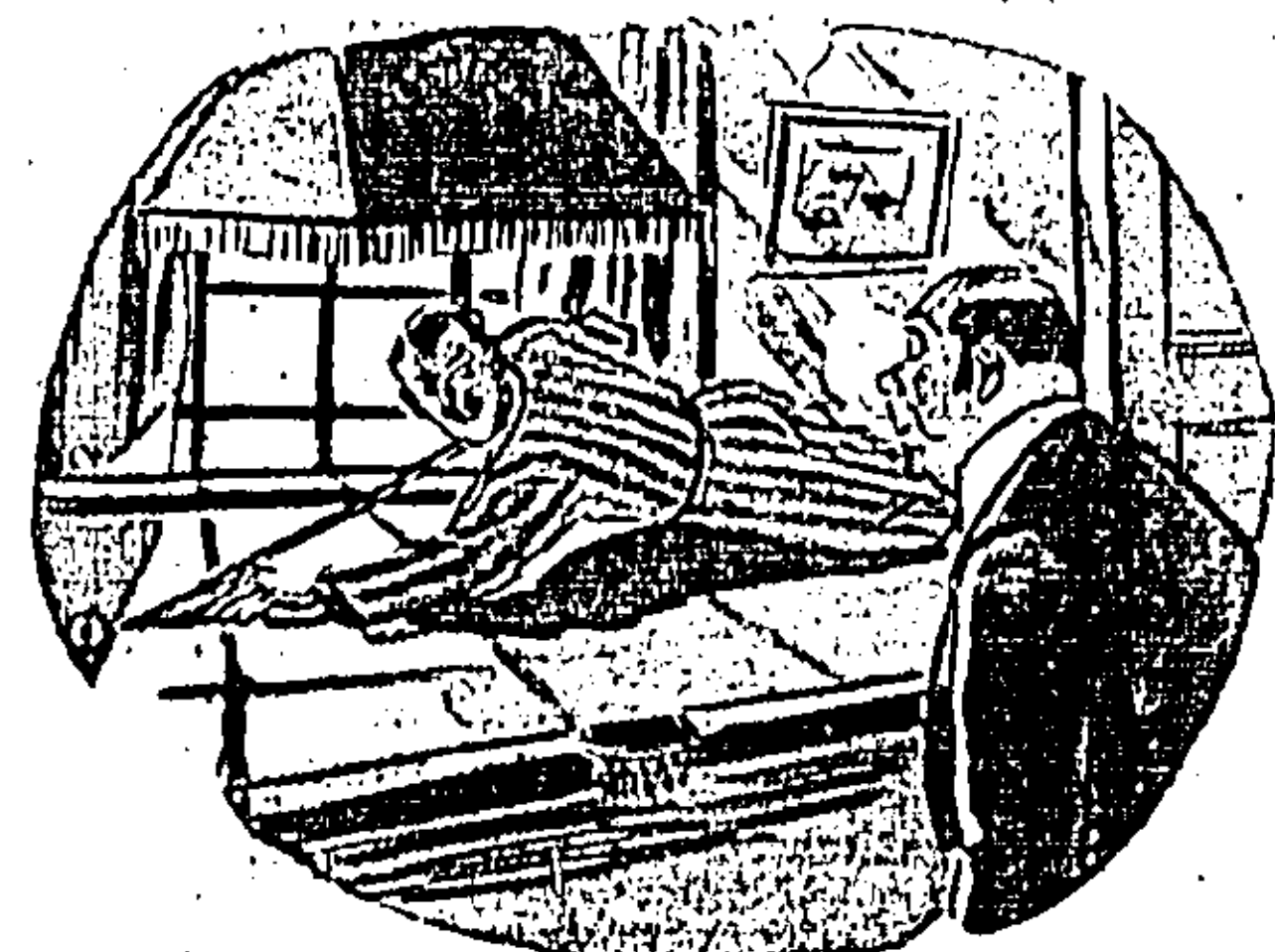
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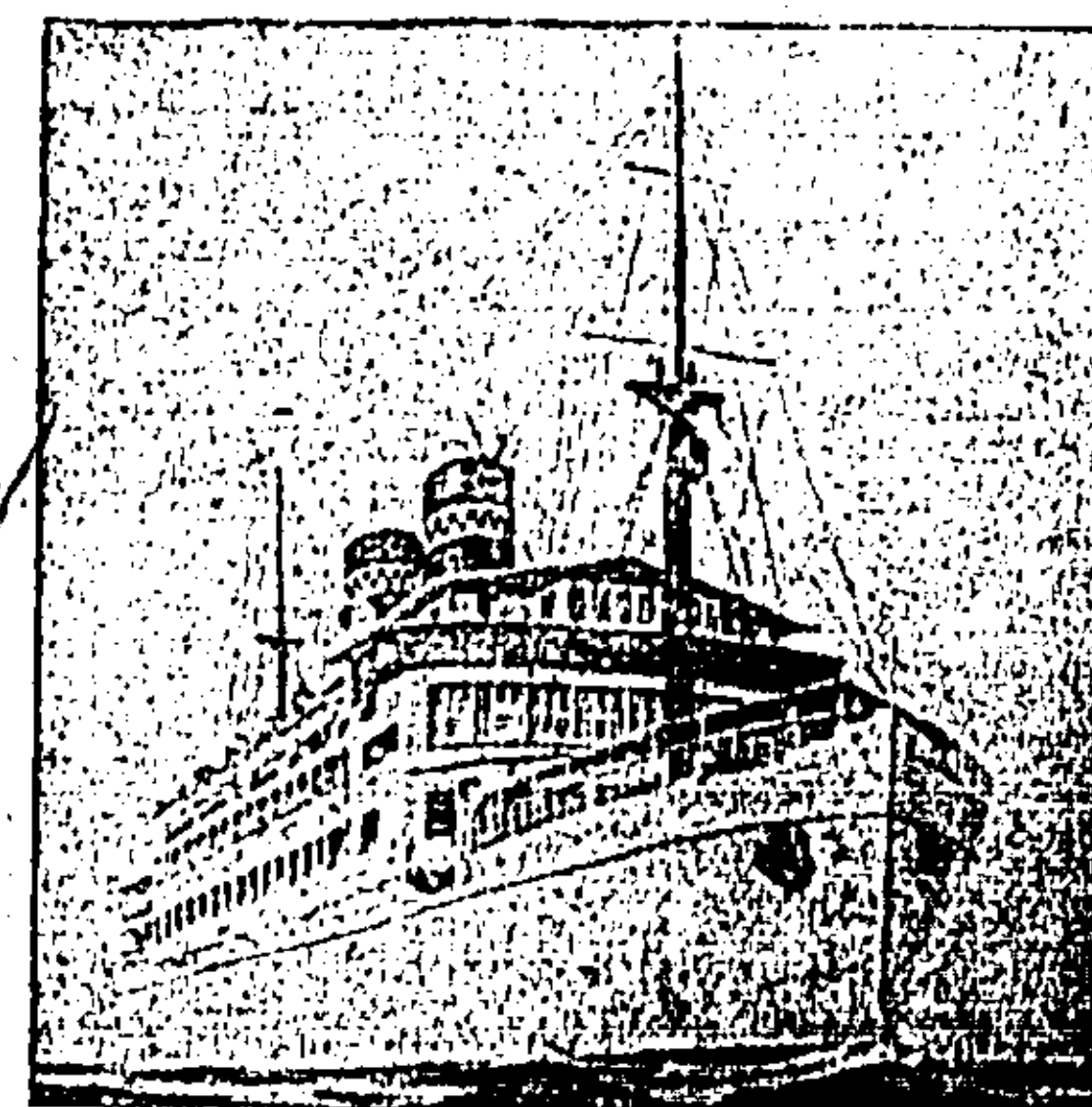
"Excuse me, Sir, but would you care to use the rest?"  
"No thank you, Hawkins. And you needn't look so astonished—I have been to bed."  
"Yes, Sir. Of course, Sir."  
"I admit, Hawkins, that a billiard table looks a trifle raffish before breakfast—green baize is essentially nocturnal."  
"Yes, Sir. Essentially nocturnal, Sir."  
"Besides, Hawkins, I'm only practising. Keeping my eye in, as it were."

"Yes, Sir. Keeping your eye in, Sir."  
"Hawkins, don't be a parrot."  
"Parrot, Sir?"  
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### Heats For Inter-School Events At V.R.C.

FIRST HEATS for the Inter-Schools swimming meet to be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday were held at the V.R.C. yesterday. Remaining heats will take place this evening at 7.07 p.m. Yesterday results were:  
Senior boys 100 yards breast-stroke. Heat 1—1. J. Gomes (La Salle) and 2. W. T. (St. Stephen's), dead heat. Time 65. Heat 2—1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's), 2. Andrew Tung (St. Joseph's), 3. G. Russell (Diocesan), Time 69 4/5.  
Senior boys 100 yards breast-stroke. Heat 1—1. Kwong Chiu-sheung (La Salle), 2. Lee Cheuk-lam (Hong W.), Time 65. Heat 2—1. Chan Koon-tan (St. Joseph's), 2. Kwong Yau-wing (La Salle), 3. G. Wong (La Salle), Time 66.  
Senior boys 100 yards back stroke. Heat 1—1. A. V. Lopez (La Salle), 2. Andrew Fong (St. Joseph's), 3. Ip Tung-yue (St. Stephen's), Time 70 4/5. Heat 2—1. J. Gomes (La Salle), 2. Boone Slong-loy (St. Stephen's), Time 72.  
Senior boys diving—1. Ng Shiu-hoo (St. Joseph's), 2. J. Anderson Jr (St. Stephen's).  
Junior boys 50 yards. Heat 1—1. K. Thomas (St. Stephen's), 2. W. Ribeiro (La Salle), 3. A. Marques (La Salle), Time 33 2/5. Heat 2—1. Wong Peng-ku, (St. Stephen's), 2. Chen Yen-twee, (St. Stephen's), Time 37 4/5.

SLIDING HOME. Tony Muscavage, U. S. Navy catcher, waiting for the ball at the plate, while George Sousa, Hongkong All Stars, commences a slide through his legs to reach the slab.



RINGING down the final curtain on an eventful yet drab league season, the pennant-winning Mindanao tars bade adios to another successful year with a slap-banging 15-7 confidence win over South China's cellar dwellers. Chung Hwa maroons clamped another defeat on the Royal Engineers, clustering through on an 8-4 count for their fifth win of the year.

SKI POWLAWSKI'S five hit twirling took the route to wasteland in the opening of the "dollars for a cause" classics when his teammates committed eleven bungling errors to spoil a brilliant mound effort, and set the U.S. Navy, "one down" in the charity series.

The fighting All-Stars, taking each break in stride, slushed through with three big tallies in the last of the initial game after Uncle Sam's seamen had gone one up, on Crozier Ruel's lone marker.

Nip Lum started the parade on an infield miff, stole second and rounded home with the first All-Star tally on a wild heave. Showboat Ali, making his first plate appearance since the sensational league upheaval last month, came through with a vengeance, driving out a double to deep right and scoring on George Sousa's rousing triple. The slugging shortstop came in with the last run in this canto on Wally Ching's sacrifice.

Wee Willie Wilson's sacrifice brought Greasy Moore across the platter with a Navy tally in the 2nd inning, but the Colonysites added a lone marker in the next frame on a wild throw by the bewildered R. J. Wilson which brought Gerry Gosano winging toward the pan.

The big break came in the 5th inning after the sailors had tied up the ball game with a two-run outburst in the 4th.

George Sousa again doubled to start off this winning frame and took third when R. J. Wilson couldn't lay his hands on that old apple, relayed from right field. Wally Ching literally won his own ball game with a perfect bunt that sent the starry Sousa scampering across the plate.

### Answer To Problem

The scorer was wrong. The batsman was entitled to a sacrifice hit in any case, if he advanced the runner, because he sacrificed his chance to make a base hit to do so. In such cases it is proper to score a sacrifice hit and an error on the same play, if, in the scorer's judgment, the ball beat the runner to the second base, the second baseman should be charged with an error, but that does not eliminate the sacrifice hit.

### Lawn Bowls

#### Open Pairs Results

TWO MATCHES in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship were played yesterday, the first at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club resulting in an overwhelming win by 34-13 for W. B. Harris and A. Soutar over A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, and the second at the Crickengower being a very narrow 10-17 victory for N. J. Boblington and J. McGowan over W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen.

## League Seeks Compromise With London Soccer Clubs

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks it will mean a busy week for the officials, as following to-day's meeting they agreed that the Football League President, Mr W. C. Cuff, and Mr W. J. Cearn meet the London Clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start in eight days.

There is no need to retell how the trouble started beyond the fact that London Clubs objected to the League programme on the grounds of the lengthy travel involved in the League arrangements, and formed a League of their own among eleven Clubs together with five near-London sides.

The whole sixteen thereupon surrendered their membership to the League according to the rules of that body, but the alternative scheme by which the Londoners took in other Southern Clubs has brought about the reverse move.

Mr George Allison, representing London, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives to-day and the friendly discussions on the difficulties took place.

#### Alternative Proposal

THE PRESIDENT of the League made certain proposals, stating that he suggested that the addition of other Clubs should be operative only for the first half of the season. In the second half teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first ten ranking matches would rank as qualifying for the League War Cup, for which all London Clubs would be retained.

In order that the matter can be placed in detail before the London Clubs, Mr Cuff and Mr Cearn have consented to meet the Londoners when a more detailed explanation of the compromise can be given.

### Basketball

#### V. R. C. NARROWLY BEATEN BY CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

Two basketball matches in the Wu Tse-chen Cup tournament at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday resulted as expected, when Wah Kiu overwhelmed Trojans 64-22 and Y.M.C.A. beat Victoria Recreation Club 51-43. Wah Kiu outplayed Trojans in every department and led throughout. Y.M.C.A. were badly out of form and V.R.C. threatened them with defeat. Although strong in their combination, V.R.C. need a polishing up in their shooting before they have a chance.

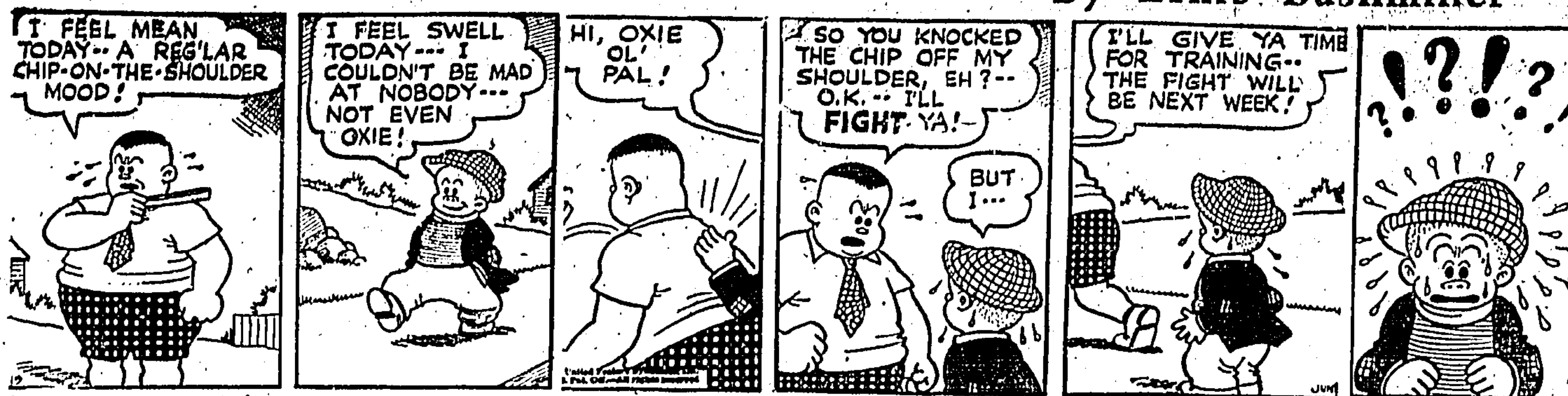
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## N.E.I. Trade Position With Japan Clarified

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia Radio depies a "Domei" statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption of normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the Democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to the N.E.I. and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the N.E.I. and will, therefore, not take place.

## WEEK-END BLITZ ON SYRACUSE

### Mole And Sidings A Blaze Of Flames

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Considerable damage is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour, according to an R.A.F. communique.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour of Syracuse during the night of August 16-17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central mole and railway sidings, starting several fires which finally became one intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

### Incendiaries

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by a fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey."

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse yesterday and destroyed one Cant Z-500 and severely damaged a number of others."

"Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wochend and Delmarch and obtained hits on the forts' buildings and trenches."

"All aircraft returned safely from these operations."

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## Latest Goering Reports

### Said To Have Lost Both Legs In R.A.F. Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CAIRO, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to wholly unconfirmed reports emanating from British soldiers who reached France after escaping from German prison camps, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering lost both legs during an R.A.F. raid on an enemy aerodrome.

"It is recalled that other recent reports concerning the alleged vicissitudes of Goering were never confirmed."

British officers claimed that they heard the report that Goering had been wounded from different people in the different places which they traversed.

### Baron Hiranuma

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Domei).—Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, Minister of State, is continuing to make "extremely satisfactory progress" toward recovery.

## American "Hostages" In Japan Evoke Protest

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Foreign Office to-day protested against the insinuation made by the United States Department of State last Saturday that one hundred Americans who are at present unable to leave Japan are being held as "hostages."

No Explanation  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—At the midday press conference to-day, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that Japan has thus far given no satisfactory explanation of her refusal to allow American citizens to leave the country.

Grew Sees Toyoda  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, Aug. 18 (UP).—The Counsellor of the United States Embassy, Mr. Eugene Dorman, held a lengthy conference with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Eiichi Arita, today prior to the conference between Ambassador Joseph Grew and Foreign Minister Admiral Toyoda and he returned to the Foreign Office while Mr. Grew was apparently still conferring with Admiral Toyoda two hours after the conference started at 4 p.m.

The significance or the subject of the talks have not been disclosed but obviously they were questions of the utmost importance. It is reliably stated that Mr. Hull's evacuation statement is being seriously studied by the Japanese Foreign Office.

"Misrepresented"  
The Japanese Foreign Office protest said that the State Department's announcement regarding the steamer President Coolidge misrepresented the Japanese position inasmuch as it indicated that the Americans in Japan are being held as hostages whereas Japan had based her action on the fact that Japan did not desire any sensational evacuation procedure which might arouse the American public, and secondly, that the United States was not willing to guarantee Japanese ships with economically profitable voyages to the United States.

It is understood that the Foreign Office will soon issue a statement explaining the Japanese viewpoint in the Coolidge affair.

"Cause Celebre"  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP).—Mr. Hull's stand indicated that Japan's action regarding the stranded Americans is rapidly developing into a "cause celebre" threatening to break down the already flimsy diplomatic relations.

Mr. Hull did not elaborate upon the nature of Japan's explanation which he described as unsatisfactory.

## Aussies' Big Overseas Air Force

MELBOURNE, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Twenty-three Australian Air Force squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced Minister for Air Mr. K. McEwen today.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Training Scheme and all will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the R.A.F. They will be grouped with incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr. J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first-line defence.

## W. C. Choy Wins U.S. Doubles Game

CHESTNUT HILLS, Aug. 18 (UP).—In the U.S. National men's Doubles tennis championship to-day, W. C. Choy, Chinese Davis Cup player, partnering Gilbert Hall, New York, won their first round match against Platt Spencer and Norman Drake, both of Brooklyn, Mass., by 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

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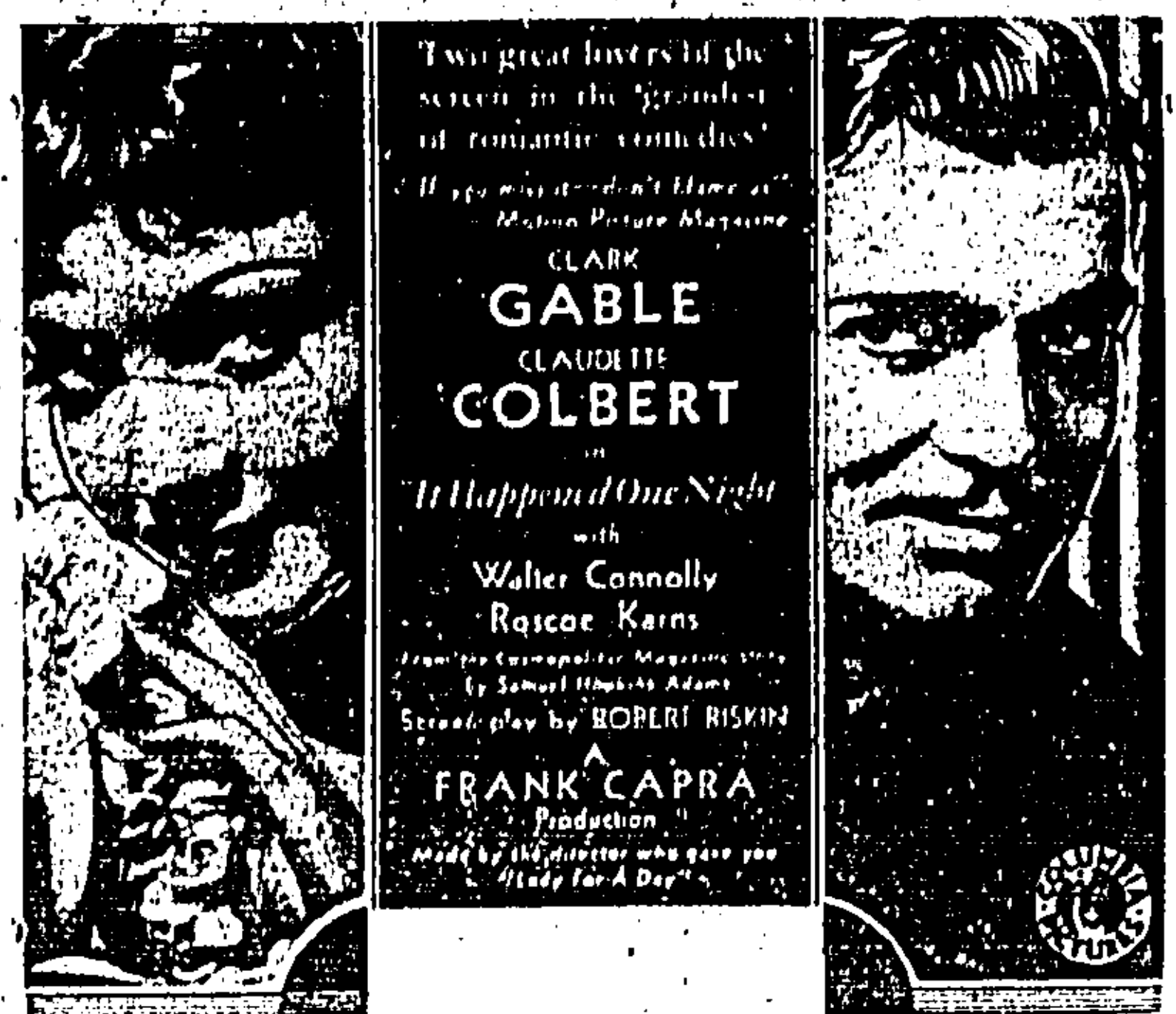
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## Murder Charge Sequel To City Shooting

The shooting incident in Queen's Road Central, opposite Central Market, on June 11, which resulted in the death of one Indian watchman and injury to a Chinese, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Pritam Singh, 38, was charged with the murder of Kesar Singh, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, and Accused was defended by Mr G. She, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva. Jury members empanelled were Messrs W. Pironne (Foreman), Lee Shiu-kai, J. A. Parrish, Parkin Wong, J. J. Rappin, Chan Shul-kee and Hunt Tuck-chung.

Mr Williams said that both Accused and Kesar Singh were watchmen, and at the time of the incident the former was employed by the Cheung Kee money-changers and the latter by the Wing Hing Bank. The two had not been on good terms since 1939 when Kesar Singh lost his job as night-watchman in a silk-store and his position was taken over by Accused on the recommendation of another Indian named Jas-har Singh.

### Apparently Resented

This was apparently resented by Kesar Singh for about a month later he had a fight with Jas-har Singh. The latter was injured and he took out a summons against Kesar Singh through Accused.

Nothing further happened until the beginning of this year when Accused and Kesar Singh were seen exchanging words of abuse outside the former's place of employment.

Referring to the day of the shooting, Counsel said that Accused went on duty about 7 a.m. and in accordance with practice was handed by his employer a revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition which he was to return on finishing duty. On the other hand, Kesar Singh was not armed with a revolver when he was on duty, his only weapon being a stick.

About 9.30 a.m. shots were heard, and several witnesses would testify that they saw Accused fire a number of shots at Kesar Singh, who was then about a yard away from him, outside the Cheung Kee shop. One of the bullets struck a man named Chan Kam in the ankle. Both men were standing up at the time and there was no question of any struggle.

### Constable On Scene

A constable, Chong Choi-sang, was on duty in the vicinity and on hearing a shot he immediately went to the scene. He saw Accused walking slowly past the Cheung Kee money-changers shop, a few doors away from the Cheung Kee firm, with a revolver at the ready, and the body of Kesar Singh lying on the pavement.

Chong hid behind a pillar and he then saw Accused fire two or three more shots at the body of Kesar Singh. Chong then jumped forward, caught hold of Accused's hand and wrestled the revolver away. At this time the constable was empty and was somewhat loose in the hand of Accused. In Accused's left hand were seven revolver bullets, and Mr Williams suggested that Accused was preparing to re-load when the revolver was snatched from him.

### Statement At Central

On being taken to the Central Police Station, Accused made a statement to Inspector L. R. Whant in which he said that he had not been on good terms with Kesar Singh, who had previously assaulted him. He added that on the morning of the shooting, Kesar Singh rushed at him and assaulted him. He put his hand to the revolver, whereupon Kesar Singh tried to snatch it away, and in the ensuing struggle two shots went off.

Kesar Singh was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he was immediately operated on, but died later in the day. Four wounds were found on his body, one on the left cheek, one on the left forearm, one on the left wrist, and one in the back, which perforated the abdomen.

### Bullet Wounds

Dr Dean A. Smith, of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified that when Kesar Singh was admitted he was suffering from multiple bullet wounds. The man was conscious but was suffering from shock. Owing to his serious condition, he was operated on immediately but he died about 7 p.m. the same day. Death was due to shock and internal hemorrhage caused by a perforating bullet wound in the abdomen and other wounds on the face and left hand.

Witness expressed the opinion that the wound in the back, which perforated the abdomen, was consistent with it having been caused when Kesar Singh was lying on the ground face downwards.

### Direction Of Shots

Questioned by Mr She, Dr Smith said that judging from its direction the wound on the left cheek must have been caused when Kesar Singh was bending slightly forward at the time. He agreed that it was possible for the wound in the back to have been caused by Kesar Singh's hand being twisted behind his back, with him holding the revolver. In his opinion, four shots struck the body, although he recovered only two bullets from it.

Sergeant Packson, Police Armourer, testified to having examined a revolver handed to him by Inspector Whant and found that bullets had been fired from five of the chambers within the last 48 hours.

Hearing is proceeding.

## New Chinese Envoy To Australia Arrives

Mr Hsu Mo, newly appointed Chinese Minister to Australia, arrived in Hongkong from Chungking early this morning en route to Australia to assume his post, says "Central News." He was accompanied by Mr Tuan Mou-lan, Mr Hu Ching-yu, and Mr Cheng Kang-chi, respectively Counselor, First Secretary and Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation in Australia.

## Gigantic Effort By Hitler

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great Dniepropetrovsk dam and electric power station and menacing the huge industrial zone eastward of the Dnieper.

Simultaneously two new Dunkirkers are at present being fought to a bloody conclusion at Odessa, and along the Dnieper itself. The focal point in the present great battle to-night is still in the Dnieper bend where, according to latest reports, the Germans are crushing into ever narrowing space Marshal Budenny's armies who are attempting to reach temporary safety on the far side of the river. The greater part of the lower reaches of the Dnieper are now under the fire of German artillery while Stukas continue their daylight bombings of the crossings.

Other competent German sources said that Dniepropetrovsk is now under fire of the German artillery and the opinion that it would only be a matter of a few days for the Soviet forces in the broad semi-circular Dnieper bend to be finally crushed together and destroyed. A military spokesman claimed that the other Dunkirk at Odessa is practically completed and the Soviets have practically ceased their attempts to evacuate their troops by sea owing to the heavy losses due to German air bombings.

### Could Resist From Siberia

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Dome).—Writing in the "Daily News," Mr William Simms stresses that if the Russians so choose, they could retreat towards the Ural Mountains and continue to offer firm resistance to the Germans from Siberia, thus keeping Hitler occupied indefinitely.

Such a course, the writer points out, would almost certainly lead to Hitler's fall, especially if Vladivostok were kept open for supplies from the United States.

These reasons explain the vital need for reaching far and immediate understanding with the Kremlin, Mr Simms urges.

## Five Killed In Harbour Fires

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is a total loss. Fifteen of the 38 members of the crew who were aboard the vessel have been accounted for and others are believed to be amongst the injured sent to hospital.

### First Reports

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Numerous explosions that shook Lower Manhattan to-day, according to a raging fire which broke out at the East River wharf where British ships are loaded with supplies for Britain and Egypt.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges.

The Coast Guard and fire boats raced to the rescue.

Two people were killed and 55 people were injured—some feared fatally—in the fire. Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as lunch-hour crowds poured out from offices.

### Flames Spread

The fire which began with a series of explosions, burning flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges afire and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

The American freighter Panuco, laden with quietest, cereals and hemp, caught fire, was cut loose and drifted off blinding from stem to stern. A flaming barge was cast adrift and floated lazily down the river while fire-boats threw tons of water on it.

Flame alarms were received at the Brooklyn Fire Station, from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

## Plane Ferry Service To Middle East

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt disclosed to-day that delivery of aircraft to British forces in the Middle East would be speeded up through the ferry system conducted by Pan-American Airways.

Under an agreement with the Pan-American system, this organization will ferry aircraft from the United States to West Africa and from there to the Middle East.

Pan-American is establishing an air transport service from Africa to the Middle East and plans are under way for a similar service from the United States to West Africa.

It was stated at the White House that government-owned planes operated by American personnel would be used.

Delivery would not pass through the actual war zone nor was the location of the African terminus disclosed.

## Wanchai Widow Warned

Mr Albert V. Frain, engineer on one of the ships of the Douglas Steamship Company, was the Complainant in a theft case against Ng Man-let, 31, a widow, before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's court to-day.

Defendant was charged with stealing a camera, two rolls of film, a discharge book and a mariner's certificate from Mr Frain. She pleaded not guilty.

Mr Frain stated that early on Sunday morning he was in Arsenal Street with the property mentioned in the charge. He did not know anything else until a detective told him that he had lost the articles. He had never seen Defendant before.

Detective Lau Hing stated that at 4 a.m. on Sunday he saw Defendant walking up to the door of the China Fleet Club and then squat down. She picked up a parcel and began to walk away. There was a European lying outside the door. He stopped Defendant and she stated that the parcel was given her by her master. Defendant maintained that she had walked with Complainant from 12 a.m. and had carried the parcel for him. She had not taken it.

Defendant was discharged and advised to be more careful in the future.

## Brutality In Conquered Country

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—"Inhuman tortures" are inflicted by Fascists on the population of occupied districts, according to a supplement to the Soviet communiqué.

"In Stapanovich village," it says, "they shot many peasants for refusal to betray Soviet workers. In Rudny village, the Fascists decided to stage a 'reception' for the Germans by the local population. All the villagers were herded near the microphone and the Fascists tried to compel them to sing. Despite beatings, they all kept silent, then the Fascists opened fire on the defenceless crowd."

### Wounded Bombed

"At Olenino station, German planes flying low bombed two trains of open platform cars with women, children and wounded Red Army men in them. The fliers clearly saw who were on the platforms."

"Women and children tried to hide in rye fields but the Fascists machine-gunned them. Many women, children, old folk and wounded Red Army men were killed."

## STAGE COSTUMES SUBJECT OF CHARGE

Hearing of the case against Man Liang-sing, who is charged with stealing 27 suits of stage costumes valued at \$2,400 from Chan Bun, by means of a trick, at the Ng Chow Hotel, No. 70 Commercial Road, Central, on January 26, was provisionally fixed for 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, by Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's court to-day.

Defendant is alleged to have stolen the costumes by pretending that upon taking delivery of them, he could despatch them to Complainant in Singapore without having to pay any postal charge so as to save Complainant's money. After receiving the costumes, it is alleged that defendant pawned them and made away with the proceeds.

It is understood that Mr Hin-shing Lo will be prosecuting.

## LATE NEWS

## Anglo-Japanese Agreement Report

SINGAPORE, Aug. 17 (Delayed) (UP).—The Japanese-owned "Herald," quoting Japanese commercial circles stated that negotiations were nearing completion in London for establishing a "temporary barter system" whereby Britain and Japan will exchange essential goods during operation of the freezing regulations.

The paper declared that it was understood the agreement was limited to non-war materials such as Indian cotton, Australian wool and various Malayan products which would be exchanged for Japanese foodstuffs, cement and textiles.

It was noted that the Bank of England and the Yokohama Specie Bank would establish a clearing account for the settlements.

The agreement is expected to result in a resumption of trade between Japan, India, Burma and Malaya which at present is at a standstill.

## Latest Claim By The Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Aug. 18 (UP).—According to Finnish Front reports, 30,000 Soviet troops, comprising two complete divisions have been surrounded between Ellensvaara and Hittola as a result of last week's battle west of Lake Ladoga.

Following three days of fighting, it is claimed, they were either all killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

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## INDIANS IN ELEMENT DEFENDING TOBRUK

SIMLA, Aug. 19 (Reuter).—Describing the part of Indian troops in the defence of Tobruk, which he points out is regarded as one of the classics of the war, an Indian Army observer says that recently about 8 o'clock on a dark-moonless night an Indian party set out and slipped round in the rear of the enemy's sangars (breastwork) and then charged.

Some of the enemy attempting an early retreat, ran straight on to the bayonets of the Indians and were killed to a man.

The advance continued to the sangars, where the occupants also suffered at bayonet point. During the 15 minutes that the Indians remained in that position, they fired a happy time destroying enemy equipment. Two Breda guns, an ammunition dump and a concrete mixer were accounted for, while the enemy suffered at least 50 casualties, compared with no loss on our side.

The next night the enemy decided to show they could do the same sort of thing and staged an attack on our forward sangars. About 2 a.m., the listening post reported the approach of some enemy troops. Everyone in the sangar was immediately wide awake, with rifles gripped and eyes

straining into the darkness for the slightest sign of movement. Very Light Used. Suddenly objects started to resolve themselves into human figures, cautiously making their way forward. Up went a very light and five parties of Italians, each about 20 strong, were exposed to view. The Japanese commanding the post stood up and with a voice like a sergeant minor shouted, "Number One Company, Charge!"

The terrified enemy turned and ran for their lives, with the Indian troops after them. The extra few yards start made all the difference, and the enemy was just able to get away.

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (Reuter).—Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing Government control.

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